

TONKINESE STANDARD OF POINTS (BREED 74)

General Type Standard

The Tonkinese should be of medium build and foreign type. The body should be firm and muscular with the head, body, legs, feet and tail in proportion to give a well-balanced appearance. The cat should be even-tempered and of good weight for its size. There are three Tonkinese coat-pattern varieties; which are described below under 'Coat-Patterns':

Burmese Colour Restriction (BCR),
Tonkinese Colour Restriction (TCR)
Colourpointed Pattern (CPP),

HEAD: The top should be gently rounded with good width between the ears, a moderately proportioned wedge with a muzzle that is neither pointed nor square and a definite, but not exaggerated, whisker pinch. In profile there should be a slight nose break leading down to a level bite and chin of medium depth.

EARS: Medium size, slightly taller than wide, pricked forward, with broad base and oval tips. Base equally balanced between side and top of head, with outer line continuing line of wedge.

EYES: Large and expressive, more almond shaped than round and set well apart. The top line of the eye is slanted down towards the nose; the lower line of the eye is rounded.

EYE COLOUR: The eye colour in all Tonkinese may vary in intensity depending upon the influence of the light and the mood of the cat. The required eye colour for each coat-pattern is as follows: -

1. **BCR** – Any shade of green from yellowish-green to bluish-green.
2. **TCR** - Any shade of greenish-blue or bluish-green. Incomplete development of eye colour may be found in kittens, which may show shades of yellowish green.
3. **CPP** – Any shade of clear blue.

BODY: Medium to long, well balanced, firm, and muscular. Chest slightly rounded, flanks level, back rising gently from shoulders to rump.

LEGS AND FEET: Legs slender and well muscled, the hind legs slightly longer than the front. Feet neat and oval.

TAIL: Tapering tail of medium length, neither thick nor whippy.

COAT: Close lying and short. Fine, soft, silky with a lustrous sheen.

COAT-PATTERNS:

1. **BURMESE COLOUR RESTRICTION (BCR):** the colour is expressed as an even tone over the head, ears, legs, feet, tail and body. The colour will lighten gradually towards the underparts. There may be a very slight difference between the points and body colour, which is more noticeable in the Chocolate colour.
2. **TONKINESE COLOUR RESTRICTION (TCR):** the colour is expressed as a subtle merging of toning colour from the darker ears, mask, legs, feet and tail to the lighter body colour. It is quite different from a solid or pointed pattern. It is important that the difference between the points and body colour is not sharply defined, with the exception of the Chocolate where there is a notable contrast between the points and the upper body. The legs and feet may be paler than the other points but should match in tone. The body colour will lighten gradually towards the underparts.
3. **COLOURPOINTED PATTERN (CPP):** the body colour is a shade of white relative to the points colour, with clearly defined contrast between the body colour and the colour on the ears, mask, legs, feet and tail. In a mature cat any colour shading or pattern on the body should tone with the points.

COLOUR: The depth of colour is expressed according to the coat-pattern. The body should be free of tabby markings in non-agouti adults; coat pattern in kittens may develop slowly and may show some slight tabby markings, which should not be faulted. The colour will pale towards the roots of the hair.

NOTE: 'Leathers' = nose leather, eye rims, lips & paw pads.

NOTE: CARAMEL & APRICOT COLOURS

The effect of the dilute modifier gene is to reduce dilution of colour, this results in brown tones in the fur and leathers of the blue, lilac and cream colours. The caramel colour varies because it may be blue or lilac based. In kittens and juveniles the colour may be of a lighter fawn tone. The gene has the same effect on cream, producing apricot. In both caramel and apricot the coat may or may not show a metallic sheen.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Type & Shape	55	Coat & Colour	45
Head	20	Eye Colour	15
Ears	05	Coat colour & pattern	20
Eye Shape	05	Coat Texture	10
Body	15		
Legs & Feet	05		
Tail	05		
Total 100			

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS FOR:

1. Incorrect coat-pattern
2. Miniaturisation.
3. White patches anywhere.

WITHHOLD CERTIFICATES, or FIRST PRIZES IN KITTEN OPEN CLASSES, FOR:

1. Tabby or ghost tabby markings in non-agouti adults.
2. Incorrect eye colour for coat-pattern.
3. Round eyes.
4. Long narrow wedge or very short wedge.
5. Straight profile, notable bump on the nose or pronounced nose break.
6. Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOP booklet.

NON-AGOUTI COLOURS

The body should be a lighter shade of the points' colour and be free of tabby markings. The legs and feet may be a lighter shade of the other points' colour but the points and body colour should match in tone. In all non-agouti colours the leather of the paw pads may be lighter than the nose leather and may have a rosy undertone. In Reds, Creams and Apricots freckles may appear on the leathers and ears and should not be penalised.

Note: Ghost tabby markings may be found on the points of Red, Cream and Apricot adults and should not detract from an otherwise good cat; on the body, ghost tabby marking is a fault.

BROWN/SEAL

BCR: Breed 74qv Even-toned warm brown colour. Leathers - brown.

TCR: Breed 74 Warm brown body colour merging with darker brown points Leathers - brown.

CPP: Breed 74v Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm seal brown. Leathers – seal brown.

BLUE

BCR: Breed 74aqv Even-toned bluish-grey colour that may have warm undertones. Leathers - blue-grey.

TCR: Breed 74a Bluish-grey body colour, which may have warm undertones, merging with darker slate-grey points. Leathers - blue-grey.

CPP: Breed 74av Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of bluish-grey. Leathers – blue-grey.

CHOCOLATE

BCR: Breed 74bqv Any shade of even-toned warm chocolate colour, the points may be slightly darker. Leathers – chocolate.

TCR: Breed 74b Light warm chocolate body colour with darker chocolate points that match in tone. In kittens the body colour will be very pale. In adults the neck, shoulders and chest will be notably paler than the rest of the body giving contrast between the upper body, mask and ears. Leathers – chocolate.

CPP: Breed 74bv Cool-toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm chocolate. Leathers – chocolate.

LILAC

BCR: Breed 74cqv Even-toned pinkish-grey colour (not brownish-grey), the points may be slightly darker. Leathers - pinkish-grey.

TCR: Breed 74c Pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey). body colour merging with darker pinkish-grey points that match in tone. Leathers – pinkish-grey.

CPP: Breed 74cv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey). Leathers – pinkish-grey.

RED

BCR: Breed 74dqv Even-toned red colour. Leathers - pink.

TCR: Breed 74d Light red body colour merging with darker red points. Leathers – pink

CPP: Breed 74dv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of red. Leathers – pink.

CREAM

BCR: Breed 74fqv Even-toned cream colour. Leathers – pale pink.

TCR: Breed 74f Pale cool-toned cream body colour merging with darker cream points. Leathers – pale pink.

CPP: Breed 74fv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of cream. Leathers – pale pink.

CARAMEL

BCR: Breed 74nqv Even-toned fawnish-grey OR dark brownish-grey colour. Leathers – brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

TCR: Breed 74n Warm fawnish-ivory body colour merging with darker fawnish-grey points that match in tone OR brownish-grey body colour merging with darker brownish-grey points that match in tone. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

CPP: Breed 74nv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of fawnish-grey OR brownish-grey. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

APRICOT

BCR: Breed 74fnqv Even-toned hot cream colour. Leathers – pink.

TCR: Breed 74fn Hot cream body colour merging with darker hot cream points showing a fawn undertone. Leathers – brownish-pink.

CPP: Breed 74fnv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of hot cream. Leathers – brownish-pink.

NON-AGOUTI TORTIE COLOURS

The base colour should be brown, blue, chocolate, lilac or caramel broken with varying shades of red, cream or apricot. The distribution of colour on the points is immaterial. The base colour on the points should be darker than the base colour on the body, and matching in tone, but may not merge evenly. Freckles may appear on red, cream or apricot areas of the leathers and ears and should not be penalised.

Note: Ghost tabby markings may be found on the red, cream and apricot areas of the points and should not detract from an otherwise good cat; ghost tabby marking on the body in any colour is a fault.

BROWN/SEAL TORTIE

BCR: Breed 74eqv Even-toned warm brown colour, broken with varying shades of red. Leathers - brown and/or pink.

TCR: Breed 74e Warm brown broken with varying shades of red. The colours will be slightly darker on the points. Leathers - brown and/or pink.

CPP: Breed 74ev Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm seal brown broken with varying shades of red. Leathers – seal brown and/or pink.

BLUE TORTIE

BCR: Breed 74gqv Even-toned bluish-grey colour that may have warm tones, broken with varying shades of cream. Leathers - blue and/or pink.

TCR: Breed 74g Bluish-grey broken with varying shades of cream. The colours will be slightly darker on the points. Leathers - blue and/or pink.

CPP: Breed 74gv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of bluish-grey broken with varying shades of cream. Leathers - blue and/or pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE

BCR: Breed 74hqv Any shade of even-toned warm chocolate body colour broken with varying shades of red, the points may be slightly darker. Leathers - chocolate and/or pink..

TCR: Breed 74h Any shade of warm chocolate broken with varying shades of red. The colours will be darker on the points. In kittens the

body colour may be very pale. In adults the neck, shoulders and chest will be noticeably paler than the rest of the body giving contrast between the upper body, mask and ears. Leathers - chocolate and/or pink.

CPP: Breed 74hv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm chocolate broken with varying shades of red. Leathers - chocolate and/or pink.

LILAC TORTIE

BCR: Breed 74jqv Even-toned pinkish-grey colour (not brownish-grey) broken with varying shades of cream. Leathers – pinkish-grey and/or pink.

TCR: Breed 74j Pinkish-grey colour (not brownish-grey) broken with varying shades of cream. The colours will be slightly darker on the points. Leathers - pinkish-grey and/or pink.

CPP: Breed 74jv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey) broken with varying shades of cream. Leathers pinkish-grey and/or pink.

CARAMEL TORTIE

BCR: Breed 74pqv Even-toned fawnish-grey, OR dark brownish-grey, colour broken with varying shades of apricot. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink and/or pink.

TCR: Breed 74p Fawnish-ivory body colour merging with darker fawnish-grey points, OR brownish-grey body colour merging with darker brownish-grey points, to be broken with varying shades of apricot. The points should match in tone. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink and/or pink.

CPP: Breed 74pv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of fawnish-grey OR brownish-grey broken with varying shades of apricot. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink and/or pink.

AGOUTI – TABBY COLOURS

The tabby pattern is formed by markings on a background of agouti hairs. The pattern may be ticked, mackerel, spotted, classic or a combination of these. The colour of the markings on the points and body should match in tone. Tabbies in the dilute colours will be lighter in tone than the equivalent non-agouti colour. The markings can take longer to develop in Reds, Creams and Apricots. Freckles may appear on the leathers and ears of Reds, Creams or Apricots and should not be penalised.

The points do not merge with the body colour as they do in non-agouti patterns. The points' markings should show good contrast with the ground colour, but may be less contrasting in the dilute colours (Blue, Lilac, Caramel, Cream and Apricot) and may be paler on the legs than on the other points.

Head Markings: There should be a clearly defined 'M' on the forehead, 'spectacle' markings around the eyes, a ribbon running from the outer edge of the eye and spotted whisker pads. Ears are solid colour but show clear 'thumb marks', which may be less apparent in dilute colours, and mottled in tortie tabbies. The nose leather may be solid in colour or pinkish outlined with colour that matches the paw pads.

Leg Markings: Clearly defined broken stripes. Solid markings on the back of the hind legs. The leg markings may be paler than the other points.

Tail Markings: Clearly defined broken rings.

Body Markings: The markings will depend upon the nature of the tabby pattern but will appear as a lighter shade of the points' markings against the agouti ground colour. The markings will lighten down the flanks to the underparts, which will be a paler shade of the ground colour and may show spots. There may be a band of more solid colour over the top of the head, along the back and into the base of the tail that is more noticeable with maturity. There should be one or more broken, or unbroken, necklets on the neck/upper chest.

BROWN/SEAL TABBY

BCR: Breed 74tqv Even-toned warm brown tabby markings against a beige agouti ground. Leathers – brown or brown and pink.

TCR: Breed 74t Warm brown, body markings against a beige agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers - brown or brown and pink.

CPP: Breed 74tv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm seal brown tabby markings. Leathers – seal brown or seal brown and pink.

BLUE TABBY

BCR: Breed 74atqv Even-toned bluish-grey tabby markings that may have warm undertones, against a pale beige agouti ground. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

TCR: Breed 74at Bluish-grey body markings, which may have warm undertones, against a pale beige agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

CPP: Breed 74atv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of bluish-grey tabby markings. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

CHOCOLATE TABBY

BCR: Breed 74btqv Any shade of even-toned warm chocolate tabby markings against a beige agouti ground. The tabby markings on the points may be slightly darker than the markings on the body. Leathers – chocolate or chocolate and pink.

TCR: Breed 74bt Any shade of warm chocolate body markings against a warm beige agouti ground, with darker tabby markings on the points that match in tone. Leathers - chocolate or chocolate and pink.

CPP: Breed 74btv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm chocolate tabby markings. Leathers – chocolate or chocolate and pink.

LILAC TABBY

BCR: Breed 74ctqv Even-toned pinkish-grey tabby markings (not brownish-grey) against a magnolia agouti ground. Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

TCR: Breed 74ct Pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey) tabby markings against a magnolia agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

CPP: Breed 74ctv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of pinkish-grey tabby markings (not brownish-grey). Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

RED TABBY

BCR: Breed 74dtqv Even-toned red tabby markings against a cool ivory agouti ground. Leathers - pink.

TCR: Breed 74dt Light red tabby markings against a cool ivory agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers - pink.

CPP: Breed 74dvtv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of red tabby markings. Leathers – pink.

CREAM TABBY

BCR: Breed 74ftqv Even-toned cream tabby markings against a paler cool-toned cream agouti ground. Leathers – pale pink.

TCR: Breed 74ft Cool-toned cream tabby markings against a paler cool-toned cream agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers – pale pink.

CPP: Breed 74ftv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of cool-toned cream tabby markings. Leathers – pale pink.

CARAMEL TABBY

BCR: Breed 74ntqv Even-toned fawnish-grey OR brownish-grey tabby markings against a beige agouti ground. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

TCR: Breed 74nt Fawnish-grey, OR brownish-grey, tabby markings against a beige agouti ground with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

CPP: Breed 74ntv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of fawnish-grey OR brownish-grey tabby markings. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink.

APRICOT TABBY

BCR: Breed 74fntqv Even-toned hot cream tabby markings against a pale cream agouti ground. Leathers – brownish-pink.

TCR: Breed 74fnt Hot cream tabby markings against a pale cream agouti ground, with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers – brownish-pink.

CPP: Breed 74fntv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of hot cream tabby markings. Leathers – brownish-pink.

AGOUTI – TORTIE-TABBY COLOURS:

Elements of both the tortoiseshell and the tabby patterns must be present, but the distribution of colour/tabby pattern is immaterial. The tabby colour will be brown, blue, chocolate, lilac or caramel broken with varying shades of red, cream or apricot. The tabby markings in the dilute colours will be lighter in tone than the equivalent self colour. Freckles may appear on red, cream or apricot areas of the leathers and ears and should not be penalized. For more detail of the tabby markings please read the tabby section above.

BROWN/SEAL TORTIE-TABBY

BCR: Breed 74etqv Even-toned warm brown tabby markings, broken and overlaid with varying shades of red. Leathers – brown or brown and pink.

TCR: Breed 74et Warm brown tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of red, with toning darker markings on the points. Leathers – brown or brown and pink.

CPP: Breed 74etv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm seal brown tabby markings broken with varying shades of red. Leathers – seal brown or seal brown and pink.

BLUE TORTIE-TABBY

BCR: Breed 74gtqv Even-toned bluish-grey tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

TCR: Breed 74gt Bluish-grey tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream, with toning darker markings on the points. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

CPP: Breed 74gtv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of bluish-grey tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream. Leathers – bluish-grey or bluish-grey and pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE-TABBY

BCR: Breed 74htqv Any shade of even-toned warm chocolate tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of red. There may be some contrast between the markings on the body and the points. Leathers – chocolate or chocolate and pink.

TCR: Breed 74ht Any shade of warm chocolate tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of red, with toning darker markings on the points. Leathers – chocolate or chocolate and pink.

CPP: Breed 74htv Warm toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of warm chocolate tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of red. Leathers – chocolate or chocolate and pink.

LILAC TORTIE-TABBY

BCR: Breed 74jtqv Even-toned pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey) tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream. Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

TCR: Breed 74jt Pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey) tabby markings, broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream, with toning darker markings on the points. Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

CPP: Breed 74jtv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of pinkish-grey (not brownish-grey) tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of cream. Leathers - greyish-pink or greyish-pink and pink.

CARAMEL TORTIE-TABBY

BCR: Breed 74ptqv Even-toned fawnish-grey, OR brownish-grey, tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of apricot. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink, and pink.

TCR: Breed 74pt Fawnish-grey, OR brownish-grey, tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of apricot with toning darker tabby markings on the points. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink, and pink.

CPP: Breed 74ptv Cool toned off-white body colour. Clearly defined matching-toned points of fawnish-grey OR brownish-grey tabby markings broken and overlaid with varying shades of apricot. Leathers - brownish-blue or brownish-pink, and pink.