CAT IDENTIFICATION

Solid Coat Colors

- Black (pictured) or Blue with white roots.

Eye Coloration

- Brown
- Hazel
- Gold
- Green
- Blue

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Tabby Coat Markings

Tabby M
All tabbies have distinctive M on forehead.

Mackerel Tabby
(Red Mackerel Tabby)

Classic Tabby
(Chocolate Classic Tabby)
AKA Blotched Tabby

Spotted Tabby
(Chocolate Spotted Tabby)

Ticked Tabby
(Cinnamon Ticked Tabby)

Tabby Coat Colors
Distinct color patterns with one color predominating.
Black stripes ranging from coal black to brownish on a background of brown to gray. Brown mackerel tabbies are the most common.

Brown Mackerel Tabby
with Brown Field
Black stripes with brown background.

Brown Mackerel Tabby
with Gray-Brown Field
Black stripes with gray-brown background.

Brown Mackerel Tabby
with Gray Field
Black stripes with gray background.
Tortoise Shell Colorations
Random color distribution among varying shades of red, black, and cream. Patches may be mingled or distinct.

Blue
(Blue Classic Tabby)
Gray stripes with gray roots.

Silver
(Silver Classic Tabby)
Black stripes with white roots.

Red
(Red Classic Tabby)
Red stripes with red roots.

Chocolate
(Chocolate Classic Tabby)

Red Silver
(Red Silver Classic Tabby)
Red stripes with white roots.

Cream
(Cream Ticked Tabby)
AKA Cameo Tabby

Tortie
Randomly patched all over with red, black and cream.

Dilute Tortie
“Blue Cream Tortie”
Dilute version of Black and Red.

Lilac Tortie
Randomly patched all over with lilac and cream.

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Torbies
Tortoiseshell cats with tabby patterns.
Torties because of random color variation, but tabbies due to the patterns in the coloration.
Torbies are also called patched tabbies.

Brown Torby
(Brown Spotted Torby)
Patches of brown tabby and red tabby.

Brown Torby and White
(Brown Spotted Torby and White)
Patches of blue tabby and cream tabby.

Dilute Torby
(Blue Classic Torby)
Patches of blue tabby and cream tabby.

Dilute Torby and White
(Blue Mackeral Torby and White)

Calico
Tortoiseshell with large patches of white. Red tabby and solid black patches more distinct.

Dilute Calico
Same amount of white as calico with distinct patches of solid blue and cream tabby.

Chocolate Tortie
Chocolate mingled with red and cream.

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Other Coat Patterns

Snowshoe
- (Red Mackeral Tabby Van)
  Mostly white, color mainly on head and tail.

Van
- (Black and White Bicolor)
  ~1/2 white, color on head and torso.

Bicolor
- (Black and White Bicolor)
  Mostly white, color mainly on head and tail.

Vannish
- (Red Mackeral Tabby Van)
  Mostly white, color mainly on head and tail.

Mitted
- (Black Mitted)
  Just white paws.

Locket
- (Blue Locket)
  White spot on chest.

Harlequin
- (Red Mackeral Tabby Harlequin)
  Mostly white with several large patches of color.

Tuxedo Cats
- Coloration with white paws, chest, and belly, with optional white on face.

Snowshoe
- (Blue Smoke Tuxedo)
  Blue smoke with tuxedo markings.

Tuxedo
- (Black Tuxedo)
  Black with tuxedo markings.

Tuxedo Tabby
- (Brown Mackeral with Brown Field Tuxedo Tabby)
  Tabby with tuxedo markings.
Points: Color Points

- **Seal Point**
  - Tortoiseshell pattern on points.

- **Blue Point**

- **Lilac Point**

- **Cream Point**

- **Red Point**
  - AKA Flame Point

**Pattern Points**

- **Tortie Point**
  - Tortoiseshell pattern on points.

- **Torbie Point**
  - Both striped and tortoiseshell patterns on points.

- **Tabby Point**
  - (Lilac Tabby Point)
  - AKA Lynx Point
  - Striped pattern on the points.

- **Tabby Point**
  - (Red Tabby Point)

- **Tabby Point**
  - (Seal Tabby Point)