

CHARTREUX

Historic Blue Cat of France

- This breed has a unique style of visual balance.
- Broad head and robust body contrasts with slightly more refined, tapered extremities (muzzle, legs and feet, tail).
- The total cat should have a harmonious appearance.

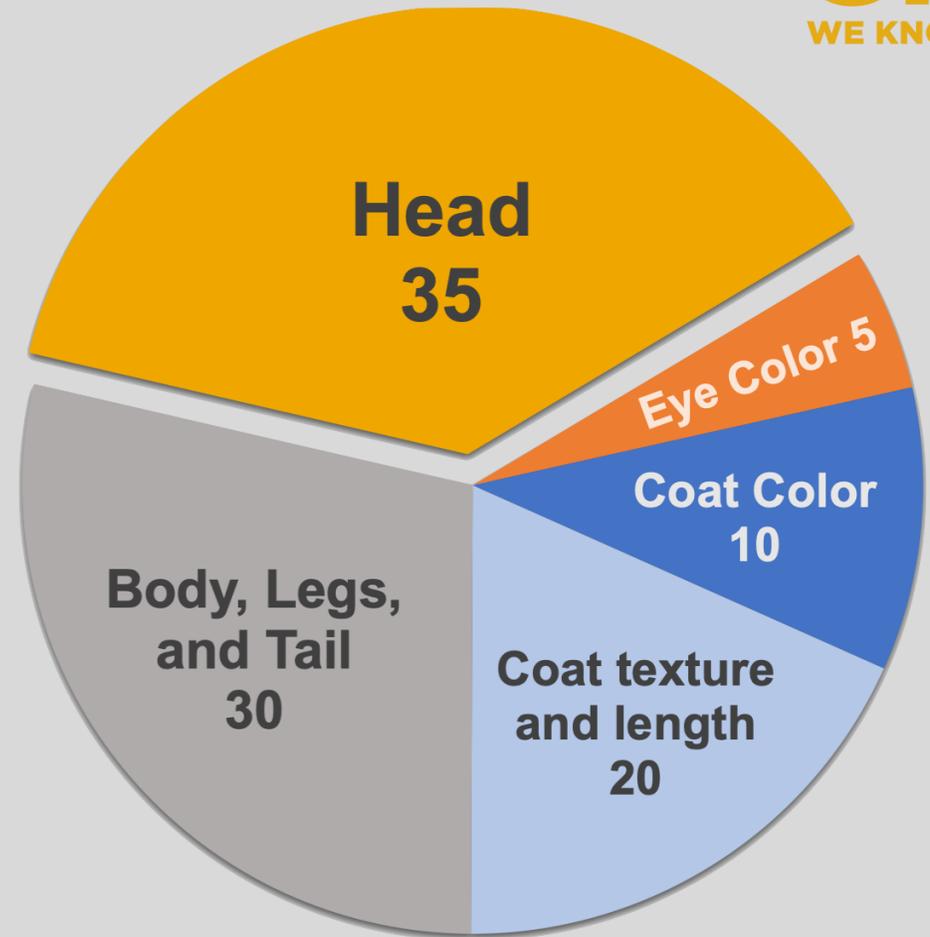


POINT BREAKDOWN



Head type is the most important part of the Chartreux standard.

Together with eye color, total points on the **head** = 40 points.



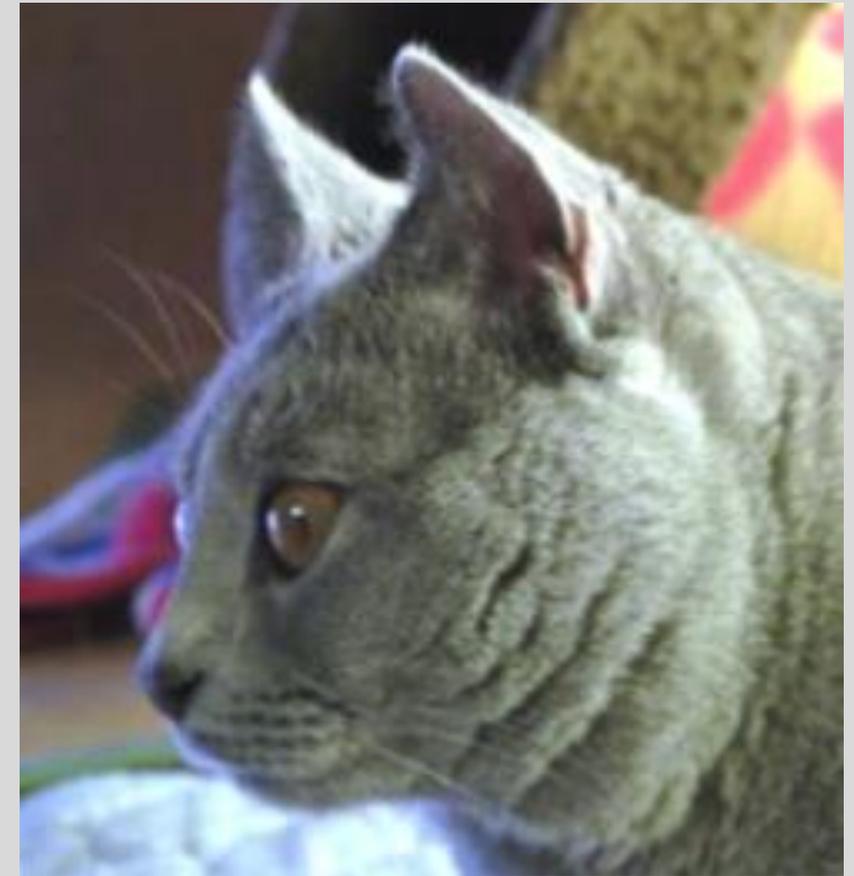
HEAD front view



- Broad head (at eye level), full cheeks
- Muzzle: comparatively narrow and tapered with slight pads
- Ears: medium height and width, set high and erect
- Eyes: rounded (not round), open, alert and expressive

HEAD side view

- High, softly contoured forehead
- Straight, medium length nose
- Tapered muzzle



HEAD female vs. male



- Sexual dimorphism is desirable in this breed
- Mature males have markedly larger jowls
- (pictured: young adult female, young adult male, mature male)

BODY

- Medium-long, robust, muscular body
- Broad shoulders, deep chest
- Legs comparatively fine boned (note: body is robust, so leg boning is medium)
- Slow maturing breed. Males significantly larger than females



young
adult
female



young
adult
male

COAT texture and length



- Medium-short
- Woolly texture
- Develops slowly, with allowances for females and younger cats



COLOR



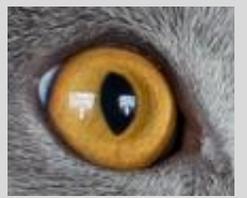
- Coat color: any shade of blue-gray from ash to slate. Tips of hair lightly brushed with silver. Emphasis on color clarity and uniformity rather than shade. (note: color is typically not sound to the root; lighter undercoat is normal, not a color fault.)
- Eye color: range is copper to gold, with orange preferred.



copper



orange



gold

PENALIZE/DISQUALIFY

Penalize:

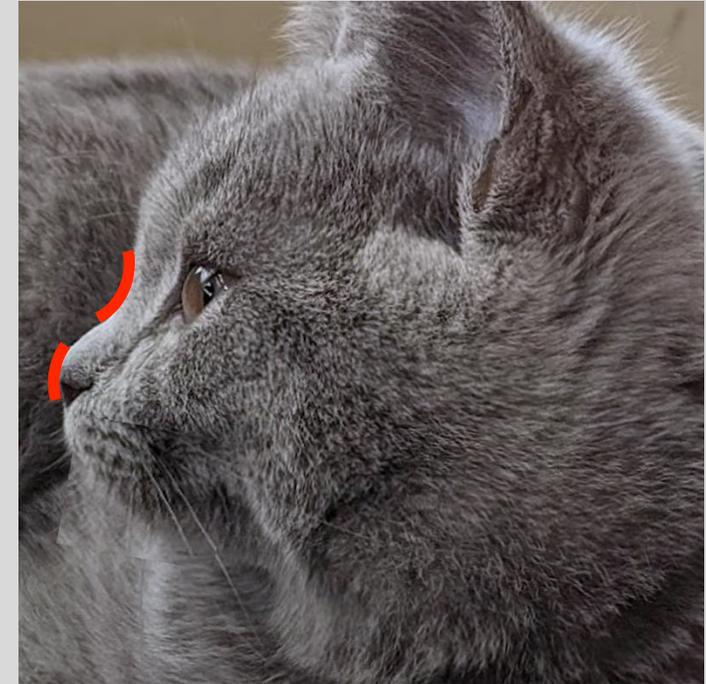
- Broad, heavy muzzle
- Snubbed / upturned nose
- Nose break (rare)
- Close-set eyes
- Palpable tail defect

Disqualify:

- White locket
- Green eyes
- Visible tail kink



Penalize broad, heavy muzzle.



Penalize snubbed or upturned nose.

HANDLING

- Chartreux prefer to have feet on the table. Most prefer a light touch that is not too confining.
- Use a toy to evaluate ear set and expression.



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- Known since 18th century
- Bred in France since 1920s
- Imported to US in 1970
- Relatively unchanged over the years!

