

CHARTREUX (CHA)



Scale of Points

Head & Ears	30
Eyes	10
Body, Legs & Tail	30
Coat & Colour	30

General Type Standard

The Chartreux is a shorthair French breed with a robust well-proportioned muscular body. It is renowned since antiquity for its hunting prowess and its dense greyish blue slightly woolly coat. They are extremely supple and agile cats, and the qualities of strength, unrivalled intelligence and adaptability, enabled them to survive in the wild for centuries. The Chartreux has a gentle but seldom used voice and is calm and affectionate. The expressive eyes are one of its most endearing features. Males are much larger than females and slower to mature.

Head	Broad with rounded contours and a narrow flat plane between the ears. The cheeks are full and the jowls, especially in males over 2 years of age, make the head look wider at the base than at the top. The profile has a high forehead with a slight curve at eye level. The nose is straight, broad and moderately long.
Muzzle	Narrow in relation to the overall width of the head, not pointed, with full whisker pads and a firm chin, giving a sweet, smiling expression.
Eyes	Large, rounded, open and expressive with the outer corner pointing slightly upward, set moderately wide apart with the colour varying from yellow to copper. In kittens allowances should be made for maturing eye colour.
Ears	Medium size, set high on the head with slightly rounded tips.
Body	Semi-cobby, sturdy with broad shoulders and a deep chest. Medium length with a strong bone structure and dense powerful musculature. The neck is short, thick and muscular. Females are significantly smaller, but still robust and well-muscled.
Legs	Medium length with strong bone structure and powerful muscles, particularly in males.
Paws	Medium size and oval in shape.
Tail	Medium length, flexible, thicker at the base tapering to a rounded tip.
Coat	A distinctive feature of the breed. Medium-short, dense, slightly woolly in texture with a 'breaking look' and an abundant undercoat. Silkier, thinner coat is permitted on females and cats under two years of age.
Colour	All uniform shades of greyish blue are acceptable, slate grey nose leather, blue lips and rose-taupe pads. Allowances should be made for ghost barring on kittens and tail rings on cats under two years of age.

Faults: Nose break, snubbed or upturned nose, long or broad muzzle, almond shaped eyes, tipping and any other defect as listed in the preface to the GCCF SOP document.

Withhold all awards for: Green eyes, eyes with a green circle, white locket, and any cat showing three or more of the faults above.