



EYE AND COAT COLOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Certain eye colours are genetically linked to a coat pattern:

- All cats in **point** category have BLUE eyes.
- **White** or **particolor** cats can have BLUE or ODD EYES, but it is not systematic.

Concerning the other coats, in most of the breeds, except explicit mention in the standard, eye colour and coat colour are independent.

In breeds where the standard says that eye colour should be 'in relation with coat colour', requirement of a precise colour (other than those mentioned above) is the result of the breeders' selection work and not a characteristic inherent to the coat. For example, the Chartreux (blue) has yellow eyes, the Russian blue has GREEN eyes, and the cats from the mink category have AQUAMARINE eyes.

Concerning the following breeds:

- Persian and Exotic Shorthair
- British and related breeds (Scottish, Highland, Selkirk, Manx, Cymric)

correspondence between coat and eye colour, as required in the standards, is as follows:

- Traditional category:
 - GOLD to COPPER eye colour accepted for all coats;
 - GREEN eyes accepted only in tabby AND silver cats, as well as tipped cats (golden shaded, golden shell, silver shaded, chinchilla);
 - BLUE or ODD eyes accepted only in white or particolor cats.
- Sepia category:
 - GOLD to GREEN eyes for all coats without exception.
- Mink category:
 - AQUAMARINE eyes for all coats without exception.
- Point category:
 - BLUE eyes for all coats without exception.