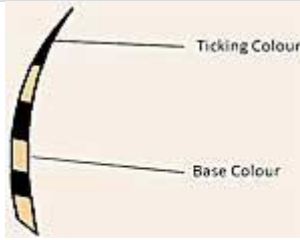


GCCF Breed Numbers and colours for Somalis



Ticking is the "essence" of the Somali coat. There should be at least THREE bands of ticking on every hair. In this illustration of a "Usual" Somali hair you can see three bands of black ticking on the apricot base colour.

Ticking is slow to develop, particularly on the "dilute" colours but should be apparent, at least on the shoulders

of all kittens.

Ear tips & tufts, facial markings, top and tip of the tail, toe tufts and heels are the same colour as the ticking. Darker shading along the spine and top of tail is desirable. The chest, belly, under tail, inside of the legs and breeches are the colour of the unmarked base colour.

RECOGNITION OF SHORTHAIRED SOMALIS

Shorthaired Somalis were recognised by Council in February 2012. Since that date semi-longhaired Somalis are registered as 63L followed by their colour code (eg A semi-longhaired Sorrel Somali would be registered as 63La) and short-haired Somalis registered as 63S. For the revised breed numbers please refer to the charts below.

Breed No.	Colour	Overall Impression	Ticking	Base Colour
63L 63S	Usual	Rich golden brown	Black	Rich Apricot
63La 63Sa	Sorrel	Rich coppery colour	Cinnamon	Rich Apricot
63Lb 63Sb	Chocolate	Rich, warm chestnut brown	Dark "plain" chocolate	Rich Apricot
63Lc 63Sc	Blue	Soft, warm blue	Blue	Warm mushroom
63Ld 63Sd	Lilac	Warm dove grey	Lilac	Mushroom
63Le 63Se	Fawn	Warm powdery fawn	Fawn	Pale mushroom
63Lf	Red	Warm, glowing red	Bright Red	Paler red
63Lg 63Sg	Cream	Soft, warm, powdery cream	Rich Cream	Paler cream

TORTIE SOMALIS

Tortie Somalis come in all of the above colours with the addition of blotches/intermingling of red or cream determined by the sex linked gene. The addition of a lower case "t" to the breed number indicates it is a tortie (eg. A Semi-Longhaired Chocolate Tortie Somali is a 63Lbt). Colour distribution is random and immaterial although a solid foot is not permissible. Ticking, ears tips and tufts, facial markings, top and tip of the tail, toe tufts and heels to be a mingling of the standard ticking colour and shades of red or cream determined by the sex-linked gene. Chest, belly, under tail, inside of legs and breeches to be a mingling of the standard base coat colour and shades of red or cream determined by the sex-linked gene. The presence or absence of a blaze is immaterial.

SILVER SOMALIS

The addition of a lower case "s" to the standard breed number indicates a Silver Somali. Tarnishing over a substantial portion of the designated silver area is a "withholding fault"

Breed No.	Colour	Overall Impression	Ticking	Base Colour
63Ls 63Ss	Usual Silver	Clear silvery white ticked with black	Black	Silvery White
63Las 63Sas	Sorrel Silver	Soft, silvery peach	Cinnamon	Silvery White
63Lbs 63Sbs	Chocolate Silver	Cool silvery brown	Dark "plain" chocolate	Silvery White
63Lcs 63Scs	Blue Silver	Glacial, silvery blue	Blue	Silvery White
63Lds 63Sds	Lilac Silver	Frosty, silvery dove grey	Lilac	Silvery White
63Les	Fawn	Cool, silvery fawn	Fawn	Silvery

63Ses	Silver			White
63Lfs 63Sfs	Red Silver	Clear, silvery red	Red	Silvery White
63Lgs 63Sgs	Cream Silver	Powdery, silvery cream	Rich Cream	Silvery White

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These will be as for the silver Somalis except that the silvery white base hair should have two distributions of ticking; the standard colour and that expressing the sex-linked gene. The distribution of these two colours is immaterial but a solid foot is not permissible. The addition of lower case "ts" after the standard breed number indicates a Tortie Silver Short-haired Somali (eg. 63Sts is a Usual Tortie Silver Shorthaired Somali).

VARIANTS

A "v" on a Somali pedigree indicates a Somali Variant. This is how shorthaired Somalis were referred to before recognition in February 2012 and so is how they will be found on pedigrees if shorthairs were registered before that date.