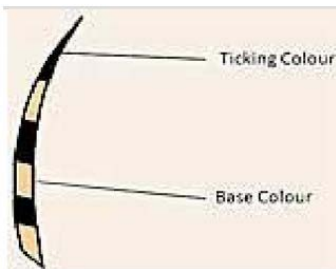


GCCF Breed Numbers and colours for Somalis



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 SOL followed by their colour code (eg A semi-longhaired Sorrel Somali would be registered as SOL o) and short-haired Somalis registered as SOS. For the revised breed numbers please refer to the charts below.

Breed No.	Colour	Overall Impression	Ticking	Base Colour
SOL n SOS n	Usual	Rich golden brown	Black	Rich Apricot
SOL o SOS o	Sorrel	Rich coppery colour	Cinnamon	Rich Apricot
SOL b SOS b	Chocolate	Rich, warm chestnut brown	Dark "plain" chocolate	Rich Apricot
SOL a SOS a	Blue	Soft, warm blue	Blue	Warm mushroom
SOL c SOS c	Lilac	Warm dove grey	Lilac	Mushroom
SOL p SOS p	Fawn	Warm powdery fawn	Fawn	Pale mushroom
SOL d SOS d	Red	Warm, glowing red	Bright Red	Paler red
SOL e SOS e	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. Colour distribution is random and immaterial. 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.

Breed No.	Colour	Overall Impression	Ticking	Base Colour
SOL f SOS f	Usual tortie	Rich golden brown and reddish apricot	Black and red	Mingled apricot and red
SOL q SOS q	Sorrel tortie	Lustrous copper and reddish apricot	A mix of cinnamon and bright red	Mingled apricot and red
SOL h SOS h	Chocolate tortie	Rich warm chestnut brown and reddish apricot	Dark chocolate and bright red	Mingled apricot and red
SOL g SOS g	Blue tortie	Soft warm blue and pale cream	A mix of deep blue grey and rich cream	Mingled warm mushroom and pale cream
SOL j SOS j	Lilac tortie	Warm dove grey and pale cream	Dark lilac and rich cream	Mingled mushroom and pale cream
SOL r SOS r	Fawn tortie	Warm powdery fawn and pale cream	Deeper fawn and rich cream	Mingled pale mushroom and pale cream

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
SOL ns SOS ns	Usual Silver	Clear silvery white ticked with black	Black	Silvery White
SO os SOS os	Sorrel Silver	Soft, silvery peach	Cinnamon	Silvery White
SOL bs SOS bs	Chocolate Silver	Cool silvery brown	Dark "plain" chocolate	Silvery White
SOL as SOS as	Blue Silver	Glacial, silvery blue	Blue	Silvery White
SOL cs SOS cs	Lilac Silver	Frosty, silvery dove grey	Lilac	Silvery White
SOL ps SOS ps	Fawn Silver	Cool, silvery fawn	Fawn	Silvery White
SOL ds SOS ds	Red Silver	Clear, silvery red	Red	Silvery White
SOL es SOS es	Cream Silver	Powdery, silvery cream	Rich Cream	Silvery White

TORTIE SILVER SOMALIS

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. The addition of lower case "s" after the standard breed number indicates a Silver (eg. SOS fs 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.