

FELINE FEATURES CHECKLIST (FFC) OVERVIEW  
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The Feline Features Checklist (FFC) is designed to standardize the identification process of mixed breed and purebred cats who are presumed to be lost and whose owners are unknown.

The Alabama Pet Registry (APR) lost and found pet Bulletin Board service relies on accurate and objective descriptions of cats to help match pets with their owners. Therefore, APR only distributes FFC information to professional animal caregivers.

17 identification categories represent the most comprehensive description that can be obtained of an animal by simple observation and limited examination. Words, phrases and illustrations are provided for the convenience of the user, however, "Other" and "Describe" spaces appear in some categories when more information is required and/or for the user to provide his/her own expression. Although the FFC category labels are fairly forthright, a statement about each is provided to prevent any misunderstanding by the user.

The FFC is primarily designed to help identify mixed breed cats, about which no physical characteristic standards exist. Therefore, we recommend that all FFC category labels for mixed breed cats be filled in as completely as possible.

The words "Purebred Optional" signify categories that do not require completion: These cats are assumed to meet the general classification standards for their breed, however, all exceptions and variations should be noted.

1 - BREED; A):

What breed of cat is he/she - Is he/she a purebred or mixed breed. Breed name or breed number from the accompanying Breed List may be used. Mixed or number 36 is recommended for cats whose breed is uncertain or who exhibit multiple breed physical characteristics.

BREED; B):

If the cat is Mixed (36), what breed of cat does he/she look the most like. List no more than two breeds, in primary and secondary order.

2 - SEX: Cat is either a male or a female.

3 - ALTERED: Yes, no or not sure.

4 - AGE: Age and whether it is actual or an estimate.

5 - WEIGHT: Weight and whether it is actual or an estimate.

- 6 - *SIZE*: Opinion as to cat's relative size; small, normal, or large, when compared to his/her age and breed.
- 7 - *IDENTIFICATION*: *Microchip Implants, Tattoos, Collars and/or Tags* are the most common types of collateral identification. Microchip scanners may not be able to read or detect every manufacturer's microchip; the industry has not yet standardized its products. Report what you know, don't know or suspect about the presence of a microchip.

*Tattoos* are found on the stomach, inside ears, upper inside legs, and can be anything from numbers and words to a design. Describe what's observed.

*Other: Collars* are the most common and can be one of several types such as *breakaway, harness, choker* or *flea*. Describe color and material, and if the fastener is made of metal, plastic or velcro. *Tags* are usually *owner, rabies* or *pet registry* types; describe tag type and information on each.

- 8 - *COAT*: (Purebred Optional) A cat's coat is generally described in terms of *length, texture* and *distribution*. If there is doubt about whether a mixed breed's coat is longhair or shorthair, measure some hair at the chest area and put the length in A3.

Select/circle the appropriate descriptors and/or provide a personal description.

- 9 - *NUMBER OF COLORS IN COAT*: How many different colors appear in the cat's coat. Colors must be distinctive. A cat with light and dark gray fur has one color, not two.
- 10 - *COLORS*: This area is the most subjective. Many people use the words blond, gold, yellow interchangeably. Chocolate, too, is seen as dark brown by many. Choose the color(s) that you and one other person agrees with and use the *L/M/D* columns to differentiate between shades of color. The objective is to use generic, not artistic, terms to describe colors.

Note: The number of colors chosen here should agree with the number of colors in 9 above.

- 11 - *COLORPOINTS*: Primarily refers to purebreeds. If applicable, select one or provide your own description.
- 12 - *COLOR PATTERNS*: (Purebred Optional) Cat fanciers use these terms to describe patterns of color. Select one or provide your own description.

13 - *EYES*: Color of a cat's eyes is an important identifier. Select one of the eye colors listed and indicate whether the color is a light, medium, or dark shade.

(Purebred Optional) Shape and size of the eyes is less important than color as an identifier; choose appropriate shape and size descriptors.

Abnormalities such as odd, crossed, missing eyes or eye prosthetics should be noted if encountered.

14 - *NOSE COLOR*: What color is the cat's nose?

15 - *EARS*: (Purebred Optional) Select a descriptor or provide your own description.

16 - *PAWS*: Select a descriptor or provide your own description.

17 - *TAIL*: (Purebred Optional) Select a descriptor or provide your own description.

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1 ● BREED (A = Purebred Type or Mix, see Alphabetic List: If A = Mix, B = Which Breed is Most Visible)

A) Is a: \_\_\_\_\_ B) Looks like: \_\_\_\_\_

2 ● SEX

A) Female \_\_\_\_\_ B) Male \_\_\_\_\_

3 ● ALTERED

A) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ B) No \_\_\_\_\_ C) Not Sure \_\_\_\_\_

4 ● AGE

A) Actual \_\_\_\_\_ B) Estimate \_\_\_\_\_ ● C) Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ D) Months \_\_\_\_\_ E) Years \_\_\_\_\_

5 ● WEIGHT

A) Actual \_\_\_\_\_ B) Estimate \_\_\_\_\_ ● C) Ounces \_\_\_\_\_ D) Pounds \_\_\_\_\_

6 ● SIZE (For its Age and Breed, cat appears)

A) Small \_\_\_\_\_ B) Normal \_\_\_\_\_ C) Large \_\_\_\_\_

7 ● IDENTIFICATION

A) Microchip Implant: 1) \* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 2) No \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

\*If Yes, provide ID code and name of microchip manufacturer:

\_\_\_\_\_

B) Tattoo: 1) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 2) No \_\_\_\_\_

3) If Yes, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

C) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLAR; (Type, Color and Material) TAGS; (Type & Info on each)

8 ● COAT

A) Length: 1) Shorthair \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Longhair \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Measured Length \_\_\_\_\_

B) Texture: 1) Silky \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Bristly \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Hard \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Soft \_\_\_\_\_

5) Heavy \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Light \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

C) Distribution: 1) Uniform \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9 ● NUMBER OF COLORS IN COAT

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

10 • **COLORS** (L = Light; M = Medium; D = Dark; Circle letter(s) that apply)

	L	M	D		L	M	D		L	M	D
A) Albino_____				B) Black_____				C) Blond_____			
D) Blue_____				E) Brindle_____				F) Brown_____			
G) Chocolate_____				H) Cream_____				I) Gold_____			
J) Gray_____				K) Ivory_____				L) Orange_____			
M) Pepper/Salt_____				N) Red_____				O) Rust_____			
P) Silver_____				Q) Tan_____				R) White_____			
S) Yellow_____				T) Other_____							

11 • **COLORPOINTS**

- A) Blue\_\_\_\_ B) Chocolate\_\_\_\_ C) Flame (Orange)\_\_\_\_ D) Lynx\_\_\_\_  
 E) Seal\_\_\_\_ F) Other:\_\_\_\_\_

12 • **COLOR PATTERNS**



A) Calico\_\_\_\_



B) Tabby\_\_\_\_



C) Mackerel\_\_\_\_



D) Patches\_\_\_\_



E) Tortoiseshell\_\_\_\_



F) Spots\_\_\_\_

- G) Solid\_\_\_\_ H) Other:\_\_\_\_\_

13 • **EYES** (L = Light; M = Medium; D = Dark; Circle letter(s) that apply)

- A) Color: 1) Blue\_\_\_\_ L M D 2) Brown\_\_\_\_ L M D 3) Copper\_\_\_\_ L M D  
 4) Green\_\_\_\_ L M D 4) Orange\_\_\_\_ L M D 5) Yellow\_\_\_\_ L M D  
 6) Other:\_\_\_\_\_ L M D
- B) Shape: 1) Big\_\_\_\_ 2) Small\_\_\_\_ 3) Round\_\_\_\_ 4) Slanted\_\_\_\_  
 5) Normal\_\_\_\_ 6) Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- C) Other: 1) Odd Eye(s)\_\_\_\_ 2) Crossed Eye(s)\_\_\_\_  
 3) Missing Eye(s)\_\_\_\_ Describe:\_\_\_\_\_

14 ● NOSE COLOR

- A) Same as Coat\_\_\_ B) Brick Red\_\_\_ C) Black\_\_\_ D) Pink\_\_\_  
 E) Other\_\_\_\_\_

15 ● EARS

A) Size: (In Proportion to Head)

- 1) Small\_\_\_ 2) Medium\_\_\_ 3) Large\_\_\_ 4) Other\_\_\_\_\_

B) Shape:



Folded  
1) Forward\_\_\_



2) Pointed\_\_\_



3) Rounded\_\_\_



Edges  
4) Folded\_\_\_

5) Normal\_\_\_

16 ● PAWS

A) Pad Color: 1) Black\_\_\_ 2) Blue\_\_\_ 3) Pink\_\_\_ 4)Other:\_\_\_\_\_

B) Claws: 1) Normal\_\_\_ 2) Declawed\_\_\_ 3) Other:\_\_\_\_\_

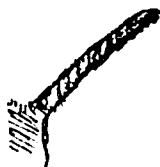
16 ● TAIL

A) Length: 1) Long\_\_\_ 2) Medium\_\_\_ 3) Short\_\_\_ 4) No Tail\_\_\_

B) Shape:



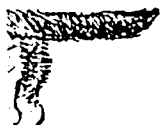
1) Fluffy\_\_\_



2) Thin\_\_\_



3) Curved\_\_\_



4) Straight\_\_\_



5) Bobtail\_\_\_



6) No Tail\_\_\_

7) Other:\_\_\_\_\_

17 ● OTHER:

## FELINE BREED LIST

1. ABYSSINIAN
2. AMERICAN BOBTAIL
3. AMERICAN CURL  
(CLASSIC RED TABBY)
4. AMERICAN LONGHAIR
5. AMERICAN SHORTHAIR
6. AMERICAN WIREHAIR
  
7. BALINESE
8. BENGAL
9. BI-COLOR PERSIAN
10. BIRMAN
11. BOMBAY
12. BRITISH BLUE
13. BRITISH SHORTHAIR
14. BURMESE
  
15. CAT OF THE ISLE OF MAN
16. CHARTREUX
17. COLORPOINT LONGHAIR
18. COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR
19. CORNISH REX
20. CYMRIC
  
21. DEVON REX
  
22. EGYPTIAN MAU
23. EUROPEAN SHORTHAIR
24. EXOTIC SHORTHAIR
25. HAVANA BROWN
26. HIMALAYAN
  
27. JAPANESE BOBTAIL
28. JAVANESE
  
29. KASHMIR
30. KORAT
  
31. LONGHAIR
32. LONGHAIR SCOTTISH FOLD
  
33. MAINE COON
34. MALAYAN
35. MANX
36. **MIXED**
37. MUNCHKIN
  
38. NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT
39. NORSK SKAUKATT
40. OCICAT
41. ORIENTAL LONGHAIR
42. ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR
43. PERSIAN
  
44. RAGDOLL
45. RAGAMUFFIN
46. REX
47. RUSSIAN BLUE
  
48. SACRED CAT OF BURMA
49. SCOTTISH FOLD
50. SELKIRK REX
51. SHADED PERSIAN
52. SHORTHAIR SCOTTISH FOLD
53. SIAMESE
54. SIBERIAN
55. SINGAPURA
56. SMOKE PERSIAN
57. SNOWSHOE
58. SOLID PERSIAN
59. SOMALI
60. SPHYNX
  
61. TIFFANY
62. TONKINESE
63. TORTOISESHELL PERSIAN
64. TURKISH ANGORA
65. TURKISH VAN CAT
  
66. **UNKNOWN (SEE MIXED 36)**