

## Cat Coloration Patterns

**Solid-** the cat is all one solid color- black, white, grey, buff, orange, etc.



Black



Grey



White

**Bicolor-** the cat has two colors in its coat.



Black and white



White and Grey



White and Orange

**Calico-** the cat has three colors in her coat- black, white, and gold (orange). These cats are nearly always female.



**Tortoiseshell**- the cat has two colors in her coat- black and gold (orange)- very often kind of merged together. There is NO WHITE present. Torti cats are nearly always female.



-- (a male tortoiseshell- VERY RARE!!)

**Dilute**- this is like a faded calico. There are three colors in the cat's coat: grey (instead of black), white (or cream), and gold (or orange). These cats are nearly always female.



**Blue Cream**- this is like a faded tortoiseshell. There are two colors: grey (or blue) and gold (or cream). There is NO WHITE in their fur! These cats are nearly always female.



**Tiger**- a base color is broken up by stripes or swirls (spots may also be present) of a different (darker or lighter) color.

Tiger – brown and black



Buff Tiger – buff and cream or white



Grey Tiger – grey and cream



Orange Tiger – orange and red or white



Tigers and their variants can also be tiger and white- bearing some white patches in their tiger patterned coat. The white is often on the legs or face, but can be present anywhere.



**Tiger Calico** – tiger markings combined with gold (or orange) markings are known as tiger calico. These kitties are almost always female.



**Point-** a base color of white, cream, or tan is accented by points of a different color (grey, dark grey, orange, or chocolate) on the tail, ears, and sometimes the face and legs.

Flame Point (orange and cream):



Seal Point (dark grey and cream)



Lilac Point (light grey and cream)



Chocolate Point (dark brown & cream)

