



KHAO MANEE

The Khao Manee is a rare natural breed of cat originating in Thailand, which has an ancient ancestry tracing back hundreds of years. They are mentioned in the Tamra Maew, or Siamese Cat Poem. It is a medium sized cat of semi-foreign type with a lithe athletic and muscular – but never bulky – body. The Khao Manee possesses a shining white coat which is short and is emphasized by high cheek bones. They can have blue eyes, gold eyes, green eyes or odd eyes, with one of each colour. The odd eyes Khao Manee is the rarest variety. The Khao Manee is an alert looking cat with an inquisitive personality.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(10) BODY – Torso is medium. The underbelly is firm and parallel to the ground. Some loose skin on the underbelly is permissible. The neck is medium in length and width. Boning is medium to slight refined for females and slightly more robust for males. NOTE : the characteristics more typical Western Breeds, such as very round heads or compact bodies, are to be avoided.

(10) MUSCULATURE – Very firm, but cat should appear agile and feel flexible and springy, not meaty or heavy. Males should have significantly heavier chest and shoulder musculature than females, but should not be cobby or thick-necked.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium to slight long legs. The feet are oval, medium sized in proportion to the body.

(5) TAIL – Medium. Proportionate to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Tail faults which do not significantly shorten the length of the tail or significantly distract from the overall appearance of the cat are allowed. Tail-tip kink are allowed.

II – HEAD (40)

(10) FACE – Modified wedge, medium width, moderate length. The face appears elliptical with focus points just below the outer corner of the eyes. Prominent cheek bones lie along an inner ellipse with the same focus points. Tip of nose and tips of ears form an equilateral triangle.

(5) – PROFILE – Forehead is long with a slight convex curve, blending into a gentle concave curve beginning above the top of the eye to just below the bottom of the eye; flowing into a nearly straight line to the nose. Nose tip may have a slight convex profile.

(5) MUZZLE – Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, forming boundary of hemispheric, rounded muzzle.

(5) NOSE – Wide, slightly convex with large nose leather.

(5) CHIN – Moderate, proportionate to the nose. NOTE : Muzzle, nose and chin form a soft sided diamond shape from bridge of nose to chin.

(5) EYES – Eyes are moderately large, but not oversized, nocturnal or protruding. Plump oval shape. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Inner eye corners lie along corner to corner of each eye the slant would be toward 10 and 2 o'clock.

(5) EARS – Sight large, wide at the base, oval tips, somewhat longer than width at base. Using a clock face as reference, the ears tips should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated

from each other, a bit less than the ear base width apart. Allow for light furnishings.

III – COAT/LENGTH (10)

(10) COAT - Medium to short. Resilient and slightly open, close-lying enough to reveal musculature. A moderate undercoat is allowed. Hair should not be coarse or fluffy.

IV – COLOUR (15)

(10) BODY COLOUR - Glistening snowy white. Allowance for small areas of colour pigment in kitten and young adults until 18 months of age.

(5) EYE COLOURS – Blue, gold, green or odd eyes (one of each colour). Brilliance and contrast of eye colour is highly desired.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Muscular, toned body.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
Round or oriental shaped eyes	2
Lack of musculature	5-10
Males resembling females in size, muscle, boning	5-10
Females resembling males in size, muscle, boning	5-10
Obesity	5
Very straight profile	3-5
Short or blunt muzzle/long or pointy muzzle	3-5
Narrow forehead or narrow space between the ears	3-5
Ears too small or too large	3-5
Ears set significantly above/below 11 and 1 o'clock	3-5
Tail fault which noticeably shortens the length of tail	3-5
Tail fault which noticeably distracts from the overall appearance of the cat	3-5

WITHHOLD

- Roman profile
- Pronounced nose stop
- Pronounced convex forehead
- Cobby body
- Fluffy or stand out coat
- Colour/pattern pigmentation on cats over 18 months of age
- Paw pads and/or nose leather other than pink
- Sternum protrusion, all or in part
- All ground for withholding awards listed in the General Preface, excluding #8

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REGONIZED COLOURS

White

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BREED ORIGIN: Natural

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: No foundation allowed – IMPORTANT – all Khao Manee seeking registration for the purpose of breeding (not sterilized) BAER test results will have to be submitted with the registration application in order to be registered. Only cats with good hearing will be allowed to breed.

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: No foundation allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Khao Manee, Korat, cat breeds that originates in Thailand (with proof if Thai ancestry)

ALLOWED MATING: Khao Manee – IMPORTANT – all breeder must present results of Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response Test (BAER), showing the cat's microchip number, to be registered. Deaf cats cannot be part of any breeding program.