



ORIENTAL

SHORTHAIR, LONGHAIR, POINTED AND NON-POINTED ARE JUDGED AS FOUR SEPERATE BREEDS

The ideal Oriental is medium in size, svelte, sinuous, elegant, extremely refined with long tapering line. Oriental possess a long, tapering wedge shape head which forms a triangle from the nose to the tips of the ears. There is no whisker pinch or nose dip. The eyes are almond-shape, slant towards the nose and are in harmony with the wedge. Generally, they are very tall on their legs. Their tail is long, tapered and whip-like. The coat is short and light.

The Oriental encompasses most cats with a Siamese body shape that are not of the traditional colour and pattern of the Siamese.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(12) BODY & NECK – Long and svelte. Medium in size with a balanced body. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. Shoulders and hips continue the same sleek line of a tubular body. Hips never wider than the shoulders. Neck is long and slender.

(5) MUSCLE & TONE – Long tapering lines, very lithe with firm muscles. This abdomen is tight.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Long and slim. In proportion to body. Hind legs higher than front. Paws dainty, small and oval. Paws delicately extend line of legs.

(3) TAIL – Long. Thin at the base and tapering to a fine point.

II – HEAD (35)

(7) PROFILE - A long strait line is seen from top of head to tip of nose. No bulge is seen over eyes, or a dip evident in nose. Nose long and strait which continues to forehead without a break.

(6) WEDGE - MUZZLE – Wedge starts at nose and flares out in straight line to tips of ears, thus forming a triangle with no beak at the whiskers. When whiskers are smoothed back, underlying bone structure is apparent. Muzzle is fine and wedged shape.

(5) EARS – Strikingly large, pointed, wide at the base and continue the line of the wedge.

(10) EYES – Almond shape, medium size – neither protruding nor recessed. Slanting toward nose and in harmony with lines of wedge and ears.

(3) WIDTH BETWEEN EYES – No less than width of one eye.

(4) CHIN & JAW – Medium in size. Tip of chin lines up with tip of nose in same vertical plane. Chin neither receding nor protruding.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

SHORTHAIR: Coat is short, fine textures, glossy and lying closely to body.

LONGHAIR: Long, fine and silky, lying close to the body without down undercoat. Coat shorter around head and shoulders. Tail hair spreads out like a plume.

IV – COLOUR (25)

NON-POINTED COLOURS

(15) COAT COLOUR – There must be uniform density of colouring with proper colour for the paw pads and nose leather.

(10) EYE COLOUR – Blue or green, preference is given to deep, even and brilliant colour. Odd-eyed are accepted for white cats.

POINTED COLOURS

(5) COAT COLOUR –The coat colour should be even, with allowances for slightly darker shading across the shoulder, back and top of the hips. Shading gradually blends into lighter colour on the chest and belly. Darker colour allowed for in older cats. Generally, kittens are lighter in colour. There must be a definite contrast between the colour of the body and the point colour.

(10) POINT COLOUR – Colour point of mask, ears, legs, feet and tails should be even in colour, clearly defined in shade, but merging gently into body colour on legs. Except in kittens, the mask and ears should be connected by tracings.

(10) EYE COLOUR – Blue, preference is given to deep, even and brilliant colour.

IV – CONDITION AND BALANCE (5)

The cat must be hard and muscular with no indication of fat or emaciation. Good health and vitality is essential.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
Cobby, short, thick or flabby body	2-5
Short or thick neck	1-3
Short legs, heavy leg bones, large or round feet	2-5
Short or thick tail	1-3
Pale eye colour	1-3
Round, small or un-slanted eye aperture	2-5
Round or broad head; short broad muzzle	2-7
Bulging forehead	2-7
Receding chin	2-4
Roman nose	2-7

WITHHOLDS

- Emaciation or any evidence of poor health
- Crossed eyes
- Weak hind legs
- Miniaturization
- Mouth breathing due to nasal obstruction or poor occlusion
- All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours and Patterns List for complete list.

For more information on the classification of this group, refer to the Recognition Rules of the Siamese group.

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BREED ORIGIN: Hybrid

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: F1 allowed

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: F1 allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Oriental, Siamese, Balinese

ALLOWED MATINGS: Oriental, Siamese, Balinese