

# SIBERIAN



SIBERIANS AND POINTED SIBERIANS ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS

The Siberian, Russia's native forest cat, first recorded appearance was around the year 1000. This is a cat with no extremes in type. Medium to medium large with surprising weight for its size. The overall appearance should be one of the strength, presence and alertness with a sweet facial expression. Size is secondary to type. The general impression is one of roundness and circles rather than rectangles and triangles.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(10) BODY – Medium in length and well muscled. From the shoulders the back arched slightly. The torso is barrel shaped, with firm belly and solid weight.

(5) LEGS – Medium in length, substantial boning with the hind legs slightly longer than front legs.

(5) FEET – Big and rounded with toe tufts desirable.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and slightly shorter than the length of the body. Wide at the base, tapering slightly to a blunt tip.

(10) BONING – Substantial.

## II – HEAD (45)

(15) HEAD - FRONT VIEW – Medium to large modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion to the body. The head is broader at the top of the skull tapering slightly to a full rounded muzzle. Cheekbones are neither prominent or high. There is a slight doming between the ears and an almost flat on the forehead.

(3) PROFILE – The top of the head is almost flat with a gentle convex curvature from the forehead to the nose blending into a slight forward concave curvature before the end of the tip of nose.

(5) EARS – Medium to large, rounded tips, wide at the base with a slight forward tilt. Ears are set as much on the side of the head as the top of the head. Hair on back of ears is short and thin. Ear furnishings form the middle of the ear become longer and cover the base of the ear. Ear tufts are allowed.

(5) EYES – Medium to large, almost round. The outer corner is angled slightly towards the base of the ears. Eyes to be more than one eye's width apart, open, alert and expressive.

(4) CHIN – Well rounded but not protruding and is in line with the nose.

(10) MUZZLE – Moderately short in length, full and rounded. There is a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous.

(3) NECK – Well rounded, sturdy and well muscled.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

(5) TEXTURE – Varies from coarse to soft according to colour. There is a tight undercoat in mature cats.

(5) LENGTH – Medium-long to long with a TRIPLE coat. Hair in the shoulders and lower part of the chest should be thick and slightly shorter. An abundant full collar ruff in adults. Hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic. Tail is evenly and thickly furnished.

## IV – COLOUR (5)

NON-POINTED

(3) COAT – All colour and patterns accepted with or without white. White buttons, spots and lockets are allowed.

(2) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. White cats may have blue or odd eyes. No relationship between coat colour and eye colour.

POINTED

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

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

## V - CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Powerful with good muscle development. Size is secondary to type. Allowance for coat and physical structure should be taken into consideration when judging kitten and young adults.

## OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
Straight profile	1-2
Narrow or fox-like profile	1-10
Long tail	1-5
Delicate boning	1-10
Lack of muscle tone	1-7
Long body or under-weight adult	1-10
Very long or very short legs	1-5
Almond shaped eyes	1-5

## WITHHOLDS

All grounds for withholding awards listed in the General Preface

## RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Refer to Colours and Patterns list for complete list.

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**BREED ORIGIN:** Natural

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** No foundation allowed

**SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:** No foundation allowed

**ALLOWED ANCESTRY:** Siberian

**ALLOWED MATINGS:** Siberian