

SPHYNX



The most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with substantial weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than the males. The head shape is a modified wedge, with prominent cheekbones and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The body is warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to soft peach fuzz. The skin is wrinkled especially between the ears, around the muzzle and the shoulders (more wrinkled in kittens). The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, intelligent and amenable to handling.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(5) BODY – Medium length body, hard, muscular with a broad, rounded chest and a full round abdomen. The rump is rounded and muscular. The back is slightly arch to the touch. The boning is medium.

(5) NECK – Medium in length, rounded and well muscled with a slight arch extending from the shoulders to the base of the skull.

(5) CHEST – Broad and may tend towards “barrel chested”.

(5) ABDOMEN & RUMP – Thick, well rounded, but not too far. The rump is muscular to the feel and proportionate to the width of the shoulders.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Legs length is in proportion to the body but no fine-boned. Firm and muscular to the feel. Females legs may be more slender than those of the males. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front. The forelegs are straight. The paws are oval. The toes are long and slender and the paw pads are thicker than in other breeds, giving the appearance of walking on cushions.

(5) TAIL – Whippy, tapering from body to tip. The tail length is to be in proportion to the body. A lion tail (puff of hair on the tip) is acceptable.

II – HEAD (35)

(10) HEAD – The head is medium size. Modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones and a distinct whisker break. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears.

(5) PROFILE – The profile has a gentle curve with a noticeable slight to moderate stop at the bridge of the nose.

(5) MUZZLE/CHIN – Distinct whisker break with prominent, rounded whisker pads. Strong, well developed chin.

(5) CHEEKBONES – Prominent, rounded cheekbones which defines the eyes and forms a curve above the whisker break.

(5) EARS – Large to very large, broad at the base with tapering lines to a rounded tip. The ears are set at a slight angle on the head, but are not flaring. Upright neither low nor top of the head. Interior is totally hairless. Slight amount of hair is allowed in the lower outside edges and on the back of the ear.

(5) EYES – Large and lemon shape, with the pointed end of the lemon slanting to the outer corner of the ear. They are set wide apart.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (30)

The appearance of this cat is one of hairlessness. However, short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail and scrotum. The remainder of the body has a covering of peach-like fuzz. The coat/skin texture creates the feeling of resistance when stroking the cat. Wrinkled skin is desirable around the muzzle, between the ears and around the shoulders (more wrinkled in kittens). There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.

IV – COLOUR

All colours (including eye colours) and patterns accepted. White buttons or lockets are allowed.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

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

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
Excessive hair other than describe	5-10
Delicate or frail appearance	5-10
Thin abdomen or rump	5-10
Chest that is too narrow	5-10
Bowed front legs	3-5
Oriental head or body type	5-10
Excessive wrinkling (resembles SharPei)	5-10

WITHHOLDS

- Any indication of normal length hair or significant amounts of wavy hair
- Kinked or abnormal tail
- Structural abnormalities
- Appearance of a bald Devon Rex or Cornish Rex
- Evidence of plucking, shaving, clipping or any other means of hair removal
- All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All colours and patterns.

NOTE : Exposure to the sun may intensify colours dramatically.

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BREED ORIGIN: Mutation

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Sphynx

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: Sphynx

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Sphynx, American Shorthair, Domestic Shorthair, Devon Rex (prior to January 1st, 1992), Cornish Rex (prior to January 1st, 1992)

ALLOWED MATINGS: Sphynx