

TONKINESE



The Tonkinese is a hybrid of the Siamese and the Burmese, recreating the original intermediate type of those two breeds in the full range of their traditional solid colours. The cat do not look like a bad version of either component breed, but rather resemble an absolutely moderate blend with a distinctive look all its own. The impression should be of an alert, sociable cat in superb condition, silken coated and graceful athletic.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(15) BODY – Medium in size; neither slight, nor bulky. Males are larger than females. Conformation is semi-foreign and is neither stocky nor rangy. Torso is a medium length rectangle. Chest is medium in width, rounding gently in front. Flanks are level. Back rises slightly from shoulders to rump. Boning is refined. Musculature is solid and well developed with clean lines. Abdomen is taut and firm. Neck is trim, supple and medium length. Mature males may have noticeably muscular neck and shoulders.

(10) LEGS & FEET - Legs are moderately slim; well muscled without bulk. They are proportionate in length and bone structure with body. Hind legs are slightly longer than front legs. Feet are trim, medium, ovals.

(5) TAIL - Medium long and in proportion with body. Wider at base, but not thick. Tapers to a slightly blunt tip.

II – HEAD (30)

(10) FACE – the head is a medium size, modified wedge with clean, gently curved contours, just slightly longer than wide. High, gently planed cheekbones. Blunt muzzle of medium length and width, neither pointed or excessively rounded with a define nut not exaggerated whisker pinch. Head and ears give impression of an equilateral triangle when viewed from front, with allowance for jowls in adult males.

(10) PROFILE – Slight convex curve from top of head to just above eyes, dipping to a slight stop at or just below eye level, with no appearance of a break. Nose has slight convex curvature, being neither ruler straight, nor bumped. Chin is firmly curved and is neither prominent, nor weak. A proper occlusion is evident.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, slightly longer than wide, with a broad base and oval tips. Ears are set as much on side of head as on top, with outer line continuing line of wedge. They are pricked forward. Hair is very short and close lying – skin may show through.

(5) EYES – Eyes are half almond shape on top, while appearing slightly rounded on bottom – the shape of a peach pit. More open than Oriental, but not round. Eyes are medium in size and yet well apart with at least one eye width between the eyes. Eyes are slanted toward outer edges of ears.

III – COAT/LENGTH (5)

Medium short, luxuriant coat is close lying. The coat is fine, soft and silky with a lustrous sheen.

IV – COLOURS (25)

(15) BODY COLOUR – Rich and even, without dark spots, barring or noticeable number of white hairs, shading gradually to slightly lighter hue on under parts. Hair may be lighter at roots. Full colour development may take up to eighteen months, particularly in light colours. Allow for darker body colour due to age, provided an acceptable contrast with points in maintained in Mink and Pointed Colours.

POINTED – Body colour is shaded and neutral lacking colour on under parts, showing a marked contrast with points. Tonkinese maltese diluted often show warm fawn tones and pointed body colour may be more shaded than in equivalent colour Siamese; these are not faults.

MINKS – Body colour is a definite contrast with points.

SEPIAS - Body colour is close to that of extremities, showing a slight contrast to points. Preference should be given to clarity and contrast, not to hue.

(5) POINT COLOUR – Even and unbarred, without ticking or white hairs. Paw pads and nose leather are properly pigmented.

POINTED – cats colour is comparable on mask, ears, feet and tail with points density, evenly and clearly marked. Mask should cover entire face including whisker pads, but must not extend over top of head like a hood.

MINKS – colours is comparable on mask, ears, feet and tail with points density, evenly and clearly marked but merging gently into body colour particularly on legs. Except kittens, there should be visible gauntlets and tracings connecting mask to ears. Mask should cover entire face including whisker pads, but not extend over top of head like a hood.

SEPIAS – there is a darker shading of varying degree of face, ears, tail and sometimes on feet. This is most noticeable in young cats and light colours. This is not a fault, unless extremely pronounced, with leg gauntlets in a mature cat. Allow for a faint barring on tail and lower legs only in cats under eighteen months of age.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Deep, clear, brilliant, mid-range of colours is preferred. Colour is best determined in natural light with allowance for incomplete development under one year of age.

POINTED – any shade of blue, light sky to violet.

MINKS – any shade of aqua, celadon to turquoise-blue.

SEPIAS – any shade of gold, chartreuse-green to amber.

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V – CONDITION & BALANCE (10)

(5) **CONDITION** – The appearance of an alert, healthy cat is essential. Musculature should be firm and well toned, with no evidence of obesity or emaciation. Dull eyes and lustreless coat are evidence of poor condition.

(5) **BALANCE** – Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size. Excellence in one aspect does not offset deficiency in another. The balanced cat will show a harmony of line throughout, giving an impression of grace and elegance. Tonkinese should be gentle, playful and amenable to handling.

OBJECTIONS

DEDUCTION

Round eyes	1-4
Barring on body and/or upper legs	2-6

WITHHOLDS

Round head with protuberant round eyes, short muzzle and nose break

Cobby or Oriental type

Miniaturisation (mature males under 7lbs (3.2Kg) or females under 4.5lbs (2.3kg))

Nystagmus - Rapid oscillation of eyes

Depressed or protruding sternum

Pigment absent or spotty on leather

Wrong eye colour

Emaciation or apparent poor health

All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns List for complete list.

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BREED ORIGIN: Hybrid

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: F1 Allowed (Siamese x Burmese; Siamese or Burmese x Tonkinese)

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: F1 Allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Tonkinese, Burmese, Siamese

ALLOWED MATINGS: Tonkinese, Burmese, Siamese

Breed Standard

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