

ORIENTAL

SHORTHAIR AND LONGHAIRS ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS

The Oriental encompasses all cats with a Siamese body shape that are not colour pointed. That is to say, the breed is compromised of those cats with an overall solid colour or pattern. This includes Bi-Colours, Tortoiseshells, Tabbies and tipped colours. The ideal specimen is svelte with long, tapering lines, lithe, but muscular and strong. Excellent physical condition. They should not be bony, flabby or fat. Eyes are to be clear and bright.

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 lines 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. The 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 lines of legs.

(3) TAIL – Long, thin at base and tapering to a fine point.

II – HEAD TYPE (35)

(7) PROFILE – A long straight line is seen from top of head to tip of nose. No bulge is seen over eyes, nor a dip evident in nose. Nose long and straight which continues to forehead without a break.

(6) WEDGE/MUZZLE – Long tapering wedge. Wedge starts at nose and flares out in straight lines 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 base and continues the lines of the wedge.

(10) EYES – Almond shape, medium in size – neither protruding or 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 or protruding.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

SHORTHAIR: Coat is short, fine textured, 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 (30)

(20) BODY COLOUR – (For non-point restricted colours.) There must be uniform density of colouring with proper colour for paw pads and nose leather.

(10) EYE COLOUR – (For non-point restricted colours.)

Green, preference is given to deep, even and brilliant green. White cats may be blue or odd-eyed.

POINTED COLOURS

(10) BODY COLOUR — The body colour should be even, with allowances for slightly darker shadings across the shoulders, 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 — Point colour of mask, ears, legs, feet and tail 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 — Eyes should be a clear, brilliant blue. The deeper the shade, the better.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (0)

Although no points are allotted for condition and balance, 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.
- * Weak hind legs.
- * Miniaturization.
- * Mouth breathing due to nasal obstruction or poor occlusion.
- * No white on face of Pointed Bi-colour and Pointed Van.
- * All grounds for withholding awards listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Hybrid
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Oriental (SH & LH), Colourpoint Shorthair, Siamese, Balinese
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Oriental (SH & LH), Colourpoint Shorthair, Siamese, Balinese