

KHAOMANEE (KM)

HEAD	40 points
Shape.....	10
Eyes.....	10
Ears.....	5
Muzzle/Chin.....	5
Forehead.....	4
Profile/Nose.....	4
Neck.....	2

BODY	40 points
Torso.....	10
Boning.....	10
Musculature.....	5
Legs.....	5
Feet.....	5
Tail.....	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	20 points
Length/Texture.....	12
Color.....	8

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid.

COLOR: White ONLY.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Cats born in Thailand, Malaysia, Burma or Viet Nam of very average, moderate body and head type. Cat breeds that originate in Thailand, have proof of Thai ancestry and maintain moderate conformation resembling SE Asian cats: Korat, and the Experimental TICA breed, Maew Boran.

HEAD:

Shape: Modified wedge, medium width, moderate length. From full front, face appears elliptical, with focus points just below outer corners of eyes. Fairly prominent cheek bones lie along an inner ellipse with same focus points. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of equilateral triangle. Inner eye corners lie along line from nose tip to ear tip.

Eyes: Slightly to moderately large, but not oversized, nocturnal or protruding. Plump oval shape. Set a bit more than an eye widths apart. Lines drawn from corner to corner of each eye slant toward

10 and 2 o'clock.. Eye color may be odd, one blue and one green or yellow, two blue, two green or two yellow. One or both eyes may be pigmented with both blue and another color. Brilliance of eye colors and eye color contrast preferred.. Any eye colors accepted. Points are evenly divided between eye color and shape/size/set.

Ears: Slightly large, wide at the base, oval tips, somewhat longer than width at base. Ears should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated from each other, a bit less than ear base width apart. Allow for light furnishings.

Muzzle: Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, forming boundary of hemispheric, rounded muzzle.

Chin: Moderate, proportional to the nose

Forehead: Long, very slightly convex.
Profile/Nose: Nearly straight, but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes. Nose may have slightly convex profile.

Neck: Medium in length and width.

BODY:

Torso: Medium. Underbelly is mostly firm, level and parallel to the ground, but some loose skin on the underbelly is permissible.

Musculature: Very firm, but cat should look agile and feel flexible and springy, not meaty or heavy. Males should have more muscle than females, but should not be cobby or thick-necked.

Boning: Medium to slightly refined in females and slightly robust in males.

Legs: Medium to slightly long.

Feet: Oval in shape, medium in size in proportion to cat.

Tail: Medium. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Tail tip kinks accepted.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Medium length short coat, naturally varies with environmental temperature.

Texture: Resilient and slightly open, smooth enough to reveal musculature, with a moderate under coat in most circumstances, very natural, not overly groomed, not coarse nor very fluffy, naturally varies with environmental temperature.

Color: Very even snowy white.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The ideal cat of this breed is a medium-sized cat of semi-foreign type, descended from and resembling the native Khaomanees of Thailand. It is a shorthaired, completely white cat with odd-colored eyes, or same-colored eyes. Indeed, the original eye color of the breed may have been limited to blue.

The history of the Khaomanees probably began when the Thai people developed the Khaomanees, an all white cat with "mercury" colored eyes (most likely gray-blue). The Khaomanees is described in the *Tamra Maew*, the Siamese Cat Poems, at least 700 years ago. Although it is not certain when the cat fanciers of ancient Siam began to favor odd-eyes in the Khaomanees, it was probably about 100 years ago. The cats at that time came to be called Khaomanees which means "white gem". Khaomanees as of the twentieth century had become the preferred name in Thailand for the breed, although the breeders still often use Khaomanees as an alternative name.

Khaomanees are derived from the native race of cats still seen in Thailand today. Like other native cats of Thailand, they should have characteristics suitable for the hot, wet, tropical climate, including a lithe, but not extreme, body, medium length nose (handles hot air better than short noses), a very short smooth coat, and muscular and athletic but never bulky

body.

Preserving the resemblance to native Khaomanees includes, for example, preserving the natural sexual dimorphism. (Males should typically be 8 to 11 pounds and may have slightly heavier boning than females. Females should typically be 6 to 8 pounds.) It implies that characteristics more typical of Western breeds, such as very round heads are to be avoided.

The personality of the Khaomanees, like that of all the native cats of Thailand, is communicative, though not necessarily noisy. They are active, playful, curious cats. They love to interact with people and hate to be left alone and ignored. The Khaomanees is highly intelligent. This is not a reserved, self-sufficient, independent breed. But it is a great breed for those who like cats that are all but human in their personalities and needs.

ALLOWANCES: Stud jowls in males. Males also have significantly heavier chest and shoulder musculature. Colored spots limited to the head in kittens and young adults. Tail faults that do not significantly shorten the length of the tail or significantly distract from the overall appearance.

PENALIZE: Males resembling females in size, boning or musculature; females so large, heavy in boning or musculature that they resemble males. Round eyes. Oriental eyes. Short or blunt muzzle; very long or pointy muzzle. Narrow upper head or narrow space between the ears; small ears, very large ears, or ears set low or high (significantly above or below 11 and 1 o'clock. Very straight profile. Tail fault that noticeably shortens the length of the tail.

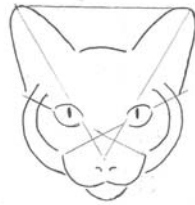
WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS

(WW): Roman profile; pronounced stop; pronounced convex forehead. Fluffy or stand-out coat. Cobby body. Obesity. Colored markings or clumps of hair on cats over 18 months of age. Paw pads and nose leather other than pink.

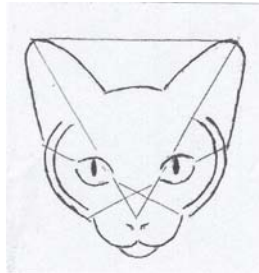
DISQUALIFY (DQ):Crossed eyes. Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum (xiphoid process).

DIAGRAMS:

Male



Female



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.

In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.4), crossed eyes **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

Profile

