

# APHRODITE BREED GROUP (APS/APL)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	40 points
Shape .....	12
Ears .....	6
Eyes .....	10
Muzzle/Chin .....	8
Profile .....	4

<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	25
Legs and Feet .....	10
Tail .....	5

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> . . .	20 points
Length .....	5
Texture .....	7
Pattern .....	4
Color .....	4

**CATEGORY:** Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** None.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Long triangle, cheek-line straight and nose ending in a blunt square muzzle.

Ears: Wide at the base, medium to large ears, placed in form of an open V with a slightly rounded space between the ears on the top of head.

Eyes: Olive-shaped. Set Obliquely. Outer edge of eye points to center of ear base. Eye color independent of coat color.

Muzzle: Straight, slightly longer than wide, square.

Chin: Full in width and depth, aligns with nose.

Profile: Gentle concave curve between nose and brow Slightly rounded forehead.

## **BODY:**

Torso: Large substantial yet elegant, muscular body. Muscular shoulders and hips. Shoulders and hips same width.

Boning: Medium-large, well-muscled all over.

Legs/Feet: Back legs slightly longer than front legs.

Tail: Medium to long in balance with body. Thick at body tapering to tip.

LH: Well-plumed.

## **COAT:**

LH - Semi-long; SH - Semi-plush. Length of coat and density of undercoat may vary with the seasons. Slightly longer ruff, britches, and belly on the LH. Tail is full and well-plumed on the LH and same length as body coat in the SH.

Texture: Soft, silky, lush, luxuriant.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Aphrodite is a natural-occurring large, athletic, well-muscled, solid cat found on the island of Cyprus. They developed in the mountain region where their size and strength helped them in catching larger prey. They are slow to mature, females are smaller than males, and allowances should be made when comparing females and young cats to the standard. The overall appearance is of excellent physical condition, strength, and power, while maintaining a gentle temperament.

## **ALLOWANCES:**

Breed is slow to mature so coat and physical structure should be taken into consideration when judging kittens, females, and young adults. Jowls in adult males.

## **PENALIZE:**

Ears: Narrow base; Very close, set straight up; Small.

## **WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):**

Lockets.



*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.*