NEVA MASQUERADE *[NEM] (Standard Source: FIFe 2015)*

General

The Neva Masquerade is the pointed variety of the Siberian. The overall impression of the Neva Masquerade is of a medium to large cat of robust build with rounded contours to the torso and head; a 'bulldog' stance suggested by its strong chest and a dense semi-long all-weather coat. The slightly flatter upper eyelid affords a unique expression to the breed.

Head:	Shape a little bit longer than broad, softly rounded, massive. Forehead broad, just slightly rounded. Cheekbones well developed, high set. Nose medium length, board, in profile shows a slight indentation, but without stop. Chin slightly slanting back, in profile creating a curve from the upper line of the nose.
Ears:	Medium size, well open at the base, tips are rounded, with well-developed furnishings [horizontal] and tufts [vertical]. Ear set so that there is good width between and tilting slightly forward.
Eyes:	Large slightly oval shaped. Set slightly oblique and widely apart.
Body:	Structure well boned and muscled, powerful neck, broad chest, body in proportion to create a rectangular appearance.
Legs and Feet:	Medium high, to form a rectangle with the body, strong. Large round paws, well tufted between toes.
Tail:	Medium length, thick, with rounded tip. Covered on all sides by dense hair with no hairs trailing down.
Coat:	Semi-long, well developed, very dense, undercoat not lying flat, overcoat water repellent, slightly hard to touch. Summer coat is distinctly shorter than the winter coat. The winter coat shows a well-developed shirtfront, full frill and knickerbockers. *For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*
Remarks:	Females generally smaller than males.
Faults:	Too small and finely built cats. Head long and narrow; straight profile, too round head (Persian type). Ears too large or too high set. Round eyes. Legs too long or too thin. Tail too short. Coat too fine or silky; lying flat; lack of coat (except in summer).

Withhold

Challenge:	~
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SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	including shape, nose, profile and chin	25 points
Ears:	shape, size and placement	10 points
Eyes:	shape, and colour	10 points
Body:	shape, size, legs, shape of paws	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:	length and shape	5 points
Coat:	quality, texture, length	20 points
Colour:	colour and pattern	5 points
Condition:		5 points
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		100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED
General Description

Eye Colour: Deep and pure a blue as possible.

Coat Colour: All colours (except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, apricot and amber) including with white; any amount of white is allowed, ie. blaze, locket, white on chest/belly/paws etc.

Coat Pattern: Pointed only. The points (mask, ears, legs and feet, and tail) must be as equal in colour density as possible. There must be a good contrast between points and body colour; this is important. Body colour gradually fades to a paler tone on chest and stomach. The mask should not extend over the head.

Nose Leather: In accordance with point colour, outlined in agouti varieties.

Paw Pads: In accordance with point colour.

Remarks: For judging purposes varieties are divided into Pointed Agouti, Pointed Agouti & White, Pointed Non-agouti and Pointed Non-agouti & White ie in each group a certificate is awarded.

Faults: Dark patches on flanks and stomach, stripes and brindling in points (except stripes in tabby varieties.

Withhold Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES
Allowable outcross: Siberian