

MAINE COON BREED GROUP (MC/MCP)



HEAD 40 points	BODY 35 points
Shape 8	Torso 10
Eyes 5	Legs and Feet 3
Ears 10	Tail 5
Muzzle and Chin . . . 10	Boning 7
Profile 7	Musculature 10

COAT/COLOR/ PATTERN . . . 25 points
Length 10
Texture 5
Color 5
Pattern 5

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: All.
COLOR: All.

**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES:** None.

HEAD:

Shape: Broad, modified wedge. Size in proportion to body. Slightly longer than wide. Distinct muzzle break can be seen under high prominent cheekbones .

Eyes: Large, slightly oval shaped. They appear round when wide open. Outer corner of eye points toward outer base of ear. Wide-set. Color: Any shade of green and/or gold. No relation to coat color. Blue and odd-eyes accepted in whites and particolored.

Ears: Large, wide at base with outer base set just slightly farther back than inner base. Outer base just above the level of the top of the eye. Outside edges have a very slight outward tilt that is not past eleven and one o'clock. Set fairly high on head with inner edge of bases no more than one ear's width apart. Taller than the width at base but still in balance with head length. Moderately pointed ears appear taller due to lynx tips. Furnishings extend beyond outer edge of ear.

Chin: Wide and deep enough to complete square look of muzzle. Firm, in line with upper lip.

Muzzle: Square.

Profile: Forehead is gently curved with a gentle concave curve at bridge of nose flowing into a straight nose line. Slight nose bump allowed in kittens.

BODY:

Torso: Large, long, substantial, rectangular, Shoulders and hips have the same width. Broad chest. Level back. Females may be noticeably smaller than males.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial, powerful.

Legs: Medium long

Feet:

MC: Large, round and well-tufted.

MCP: Large, well-tufted. Additional toes allowed on either fore or hind paws or both. Paws may be mitten or patty foot. Symmetrical expression preferred. Maximum of 7 toes on any one foot.

Tail: Minimal as long as the body. Wide at base and tapering to tip with full, flowing fur.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Uneven; shorter on shoulders, gradually lengthening down the back and sides. Long, full, shaggy belly fur and britches. Tail fur long, full, flowing. Frontal ruff becomes more developed with age. **Texture:** All-

weather coat. A slight undercoat gives the coat body but coat still falls smoothly. Not cottony.

Color: Particolored must have some white on all four feet.

ALLOWANCES: Standard favors the male. Allowance must be made for a significant size difference between the male and the female. Type should not be sacrificed for size. Breed is slow to mature. Allow for tight ear set in kittens and wider ear set in

mature adults. Polydactyly is a trait with variable expression and may produce anything from a single extra dew claw to extra toes on each foot. Any of these expressions are acceptable and there is no preference for more rather than fewer additional toes. Polydactyl mitten paws may appear to toe out.

PENALIZE:

Slanted, almond-shaped eyes.

Very close set and straight up ears.

Narrow based ears. Wide-set, flared ears. Weak chin or receding, narrow, lack of depth. Prominent whisker pads. Straight profile Roman nose. Pronounced bump.

Narrow torso. Short tail.

Toes (excluding dewclaws) not touching the table.

Lack of slight undercoat or belly shag . Overall even coat.

Lockets.