

NEBELUNG (NB)



HEAD	30 points
Shape	3
Eyes	5
Ears	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	3
Profile	10
Neck	2

BODY	35 points
Torso	5
Legs	5
Feet	5
Tail	10
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/ PATTERN	35 points
Length	15
Texture	5
Pattern/Color	15

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: Solid.
COLOR: Blue.

**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES:**
Russian Blue.

HEAD:

Shape: Modified wedge in proportion with body. More pointed than rounded. The forehead appears straight to the level of upper edge of the eye.

Eyes: Medium sized slightly oval and wide set. Should show green halo around pupil by 8 months. As vividly green as possible at maturity (Over 2 years of age).

Ears: Large and pointed, placed to follow the shape of the modified wedge.

Chin: Straight line from tip of the nose to tip of the chin.

Muzzle: Medium long with puffy whisker pads, Nose pad is charcoal gray.

Profile: The profile from forehead to the tip of the nose has a shallow concave curve but appears straight. A distinctive angle level with the upper edge of the eye and nose. No stop, break or nose bump, or a straight profile from the top of the head to nose tip. A straight line from tip of the nose to the tip of the chin.

Neck: Long, gracefully slender. may appear shorter because of fur.

BODY:

Torso: Semi foreign, well-proportioned and athletic. Long and graceful with medium boning. Not rangy and leggy, or cobby and short. Males are proportionately larger than females. Proportion and general balance is desired more than size.

Legs: Long with medium boning.

Feet: Medium-sized, well-rounded ovals with generous tufting between the toes. Appears to stand and walk on balls of feet.

Tail: Hair must be longer than on body. Length is in balance with the length of the body. Ideally, at least equal to the body length from rump to shoulder blades.

Musculature: Athletic, not bulky, and proportioned to carry the body length and weight.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Medium-long over the body with increasing length from the shoulder area to tail. Males may display a neck ruff, but females to a lesser extent. Fur is longer on the tail. Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable.

Texture: A soft two-layered coat, suitable for all weather, resistant to water. Outer coat is fine and silky, semi-long over the body, beginning at the shoulders, where the coat is slightly shorter. Pantaloons on hind legs. Allowance for seasonal changes: winter coat is denser, fuller, longer and softer. Summer coat is less dense and tends to drape over the body. Adult coats may take up to 2 years to fully develop.

Color: Coat color is blue, sound to the roots, with a soft lustrous sheen. Silver tipping is desirable, but not mandatory. Often, silver tipping is only evident over the head and shoulders, since it is frequently covered by the outer coat on the rest of the body. Lighter shades of blue desirable but silver tipping may not be evident.

Undercoat layer is very soft down, lighter blue in contrast to the guard hairs of the outer coat. May give appearance of being "shaded" when back brushed against the nap. Emphasis is to be on soundness of color, but not on individual hue. There should be no bias given to body color alone.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length and texture. Ghost tabby markings permitted in kittens. In kittens and young adults: yellow eyes changing to green (green halo should be around pupil by 8 months). Allow for size differences between males and females. Jowling of mature males.

PENALIZE: Rangy or cobby body. Underweight, poor condition. Weak chin. Any white spots or lockets.