

NORWEGIAN FOREST (NF)



HEAD 40 points
Shape 8
Ears 8
Eyes 8
Chin 4
Muzzle 4
Profile 8

BODY 35 points
Torso 7
Legs 7
Tail 7
Boning 7
Musculature 7

COAT AND COLOR 25 points
Length 5
Texture 20

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: All Divisions.
COLORS: All Colors.

**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES:**
None.

HEAD:

Shape: Triangle with all sides equally long (measured from the outer base of the ears to the chin and between the outer base of the ears) Forehead is sloped back.

Eyes: Large, almond shaped, well opened, set obliquely with an alert expression.

Ears: Large, wide at the base, arched forward with slightly rounded tips that can appear pointed if lynx tips are present. The outer edge of the ear should follow the line of the head down to the chin.

Muzzle: Follows the line of the triangular head.

Profile: Long, straight profile from tip of nose to brow.

Neck: Muscular; medium long.

BODY:

Torso: Medium long and substantial. Broad in the chest.

Legs: In proportion to the body length, with hind legs higher than fore legs.

Feet: Large, round, well-tufted.

Tail: Long and bushy. Minimal as long as the body.

Boning: Powerful appearance, Substantial.

Musculature: Strongly built and sturdy. Solidly muscled

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Semi-long.

Texture: The dense, woolly undercoat is covered by a smooth, water repellent upper coat which consists of long, coarse and glossy hair covering the back and the sides. A fully coated cat has a full ruff and britches.

Colors: All colors of all divisions of the traditional category are recognized including all colors with white. Any amount of white is allowed anywhere on the cat.

OTHER:

Balance: Muscular and well-proportioned.

Condition: Not applicable/ assumed.

Temperament: Intelligent and independent.

ALLOWANCES: Buttons, spots and lockets allowed in all colors. Length of coat and density of undercoat vary with the seasons. Under no circumstances should a cat be penalized for having a semi-long coat. Coat is evaluated primarily on texture and quality. Allow for size difference between males and females. Very slow maturing of this breed should be taken into account. Mature males may have broader heads than females.

PENALIZE: Too small and/or finely built cats. Round or square head; profile with a break (stop). Round eyes. Ears too small or narrow at the base. Legs that are short, thin - not in proportion to the body, or cowhocked. Short tail. Cobby or extremely long body. Dry or silky texture on coat. Odd-eyes or blue in fully coloured cats. Pinch or snippiness.