

SIBERIAN (SB)



HEAD 40 points
Shape 12
Ears 5
Eyes 5
Chin 3
Muzzle 10
Profile 3
Neck 2

BODY 35 points
Torso 10
Legs 5
Feet 3
Tail 5
Boning 6
Musculature 6

COAT/COLOR .15 points
Length 5
Texture 5
Pattern 3
Color 2

OTHER 10 points
Balance 5
Condition 3
Temperament 2

CATEGORY: Traditional and Pointed.

DIVISIONS : All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
None.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium to large modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion to the body. Broader at the top of the skull and narrows slightly to a full and rounded muzzle.

Ears: Medium to large, rounded and tilt slightly forward. Set as much on the sides of the head as on top. One to one and one half ear width apart. The hair over the back of the ear is short and thin. From the middle of the ear, the furnishings become longer and cover the base of the ear. Lynx tipping allowable.

Eyes: Large, almost round, with the outer corner angled slightly towards the base of the ear. The eyes should be set more than one eye's width apart. There is no relationship between eye color and coat color/pattern.

Chin: The chin is well-rounded and not protruding. In line with nose.

Muzzle: Short, full and rounded. The transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and slightly visible.

Profile: The top of the head is almost flat. A slight nose curvature of a gentle slope from the forehead to the nose and a slight convex curvature before the tip when viewed in profile.

Neck: Rounded, substantial and well-muscled.

BODY:

Torso: Medium long barrel-shaped. Firm belly giving the sensation of solid weight.

Legs: Medium long with substantial boning. The back legs are slightly longer than the front.

Feet: Big and rounded

Tail: Medium long, wide at the base, slightly tapering to a blunt tip. Slightly shorter than the length of the body.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial, powerful.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: This is a moderately long to longhaired cat with a triple coat. The hair on the shoulder blades and lower part of the chest being thick and slightly shorter. The hair over the back of the ear is short and thin. There should be an abundant ruff setting off the head. There is a tight undercoat (in mature cats), thicker in cold weather. Allow for warm weather coats. The hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic.

Texture: Varies coarse to soft, varying according to color.

Pattern: Clear patterns are desirable, but secondary to type.

Color: All traditional and pointed colors and combinations are accepted with or without white.

White or off-white allowed on chin, breast and stomach of tabbies; white allowed in most areas. Strong colors are desirable, but secondary to type.

OTHER:

Balance: Well-proportioned.

Condition: Excellent health in good overall condition.

Temperament: Must be unchallenging.

ALLOWANCES: Because the Siberian is a slow maturing breed, coat and physical structure should be taken into consideration when judging kittens and young adults.

Buttons, spots, and lockets.

PENALIZE: Straight profile, narrow muzzle, long tail, delicate boning, non-muscular, long body, almond-shaped eyes, very long legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Evidence of illness, poor health, emaciation, visible tail fault.