

TONKINESE (TO)



HEAD	30 points
Shape	5
Ears	4
Eyes	5
Chin	3
Muzzle	3
Nose	1
Profile	8
Neck	1

BODY AND TAIL	30 points
Torso	11
Legs	3
Feet	2
Tail	2
Boning	4
Musculature	8

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	30 points
Length	3
Texture	3
Pattern/Color:	
Body	8
Points, Nose Leather,	
Paw Pads	8
Eyes	8

CATEGORIES: Sepia, Mink, Pointed.
DIVISION: Solid and Tortoiseshell.
COLORS: All.
PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Burmese, Siamese, European Burmese.

OTHER	10 points
Balance	4
Condition	3
Temperament	3

HEAD:

Shape: Medium short, modified wedge with gently-curved contours. Slightly longer than wide.

Ears: Medium sized; slightly longer than wide with a broad base and oval tips. As much on the side of the head as the top with outer line continuing line of wedge. Pricked slight forward.

Eyes: The shape of a peach pit, half almond on top, slightly more rounded on bottom and in proportion to rest of face; medium in size and placed well-apart, at least one eye-width between. Slanted toward outer edge of ear.

Chin: Firmly curved with a proper bite. In profile, the tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose.

Muzzle: Medium long. Good width at jaw hinge, tapering gently to blunt finish. Definite muzzle break but is gently curved following the lines of the wedge.

Nose: Slight convex curvature,

Profile: Slight convex curve from top of head to just above eyes, dipping to a gentle stop at or just below eye level, with no break. High cheekbones and gently planed.

BODY:

Torso: Medium sized semi foreign. Medium long rectangle, appearing neither compact nor elongated. Chest is medium wide, gently rounded in front, ribs are slightly curved. Flanks level. Slight rise in back.

Legs: Fairly slim and proportionate in length and bone to body. Back legs slightly longer than front.

Feet: Oval shaped and medium sized..

Tail: Wider at base, tapering gently to slightly blunted tip. Length is approximately equal to body length.

Boning : Refined medium, proportionate to body.

Musculature: Solid, well-developed, with clean lines. Not burly or coarse.

Abdomen firm and tight. Shoulders may be quite muscular in mature male.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Coat: Medium short in length. Density is luxuriant, but close-lying.

Texture: Fine, soft, and silky with lustrous sheen.

Body Color: Rich and even, without dark spots, barring, or noticeable number of white hairs, shading gradually to slightly

lighter hue on under parts. Hair may be lighter at the roots. Body color in pointed, a shaded neutral lacking color on underparts, showing a marked contrast to points. Body color in minks a distinctly

lighter shade of point color, showing definite contrast to points. Body color in sepias closer to that of extremities, showing slighter contrast to points. Preference should be given to clarity and maximum contrast in all colors, not to hue. Full color development may take up to 18 months, particularly in light colors

Point Color: Even and unbarred, without ticking or white hairs; paw pads and nose leather properly pigmented. In pointed and minks, color comparable on mask, ears, feet and tail, with points dense and clearly marked, but merging gently into body color on minks, particularly on legs. Except in kittens, there should be visible gauntlets and tracings connecting mask to ears. Mask should cover entire face including whisker pads, but must not extend over top of head like a hood. In sepias there is darker shading of varying degree on face, ears, tail, and feet, most noticeable in young cats and light colors; this is in no way a fault.

Eye Color: Chartreuse in sepias, green-gold to yellow-green; aqua in minks, blue-green to green-blue; blue in pointed, sky to violet. Deep, clear, brilliant, mid-range colors preferred. Color best determined in natural light.

BALANCE/CONDITION: Impression should be of an alert, active cat in superb condition, silken coated and gracefully athletic. Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size, and excellence in one aspect does not offset deficiency in another.

ALLOWANCES: Incompletely developed eye and point color under 1 year of age. Darker body color due to age, provided acceptable contrast to points is maintained in pointed and mink colors. Apparent greater width and rounding of head in adult males due to stud jowls. Very slightly shorter, rounder head and

more compact type in young kittens, as bone structure tends to lengthen during maturation.

PENALIZE: Round or overly oriental eyes. Definite nose break. Barring on body, tail or legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS(WW):

Round head with protuberant round eyes, short muzzle, and nose break; extreme ranginess or cobbiness; white locket or button; pigment absent or spotty on leather; emaciation or apparent poor health.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Rapid oscillation of eyes; depressed or protruding sternum; miniaturization (mature males less than 7 pounds, females less than 5 pounds); any visible malformation.