

TURKISH VAN (TV)



HEAD 35points
Shape..... 7
Eyes 5
Ears 5
Chin 5
Muzzle 3
Profile..... 7
Neck..... 3

BODY 35points
Torso 20
Legs/Feet 8
Tail 7

**COAT/COLOR/
PATTERN** . . . 30 points
Length/Texture 15
Pattern/Color 15

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISIONS: Solid, Solid/
white, Tortie/white,
Tabby/white, Silver and/
or Smoke/white

COLORS
Solid: Solid white ONLY.
Any color with white. All
traditional colors, Van
pattern only. Tabbies are
not differentiated among
the different tabby
patterns.
**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES:** None.

HEAD:

Shape: Large to medium sized modified wedge with rounded contours and high cheekbones. Moderately broad to broad. Forehead slightly rounded. Allowances must be made for jowling in the males. Slightly longer than wide. Not foxy or rounded.

Eyes: Large, walnut to peach pit shape, set slightly oblique. A rounded aperture slightly drawn out at the corners, set at a slant, equal space from the outside base of the ear to the tip of the nose. Eyes should be clear, alert and expressive. Allow for faded eye color and greenish cast to amber eyes in cats over 18 months of age. Rims are pink unless colored from random spotting. Color is amber, blue or odd eyed

Ears: Moderately large to large, set fairly high and well apart; the inside edge of the ear is slightly angled to the outside with the outside edge fairly straight but not necessarily in line with the side of the face; wide at the base. Slightly rounded tips. Insides should be well feathered.

Chin: Slightly rounded, with an even bite.

Muzzle: Neat, rounded, and in proportion to head, with a definite whisker break (must be felt in full-coated cats).

Profile: Slight dip below eye level marked by a change in direction of hair growth. Nose has a slight downward curve, but not a Roman profile.

Neck: Medium short and muscular.

BODY:

Torso: Sturdy and long. Full chest and substantial musculature. No hard planes or angles to shape of body. The rib cage is somewhat rounded. Size is large and imposing in males, females proportionately smaller. Kittens do not have the hard muscular feel of adults. Mature males should exhibit marked muscular development in the neck and shoulders. Shoulders should be as far apart as head is wide. Body tapers slightly to a strong pelvis. Allow for loose skin between the back legs.

Boning/Muscularity: Medium, well-muscled.

Legs and Feet: Medium length forelegs with hind legs slightly longer. Medium boned with strong trim muscles. Neat, round feet with toes tufted.

Tail: The tail is a brush or plume, medium long and in proportion to the body. Hair is at least 2 inches long in adults with a full brush.

COAT:

Length: Semi-long with no woolly undercoat. Due to the extremes in climate of their native region, the breed carries two distinctive coat lengths. The summer coat is short, conveying the appearance of a shorthair except for feathering of tummy and britches and is not as soft. The winter coat is substantially longer and thicker. Facial fur is short. A frontal neck ruff and full brush tail become more pronounced with age. The above description is that

of a mature adult, allowances must be made for shorter coats and tail hair on kittens and young adults.

Texture: Soft, with the feel of cashmere. Individual hair is fine, water resistant and has a slight stand-away quality, particularly in winter. Winter coat is fuller, longer and softer.

COLOR/PATTERN:

SOLID DIVISION:

Color: Solid white cats should be free of any evidence of pattern. All nose leather/paw pads are pink.

Pattern: Solid white cats should be free of any evidence of pattern.

ANY COLOR WITH WHITE DIVISIONS:

Color: White with Van Pattern markings. All traditional colors, may be tabbied or not, and are true to color description. All nose leather/paw pads are pink unless colored in patches by random spotting. Since the white spotting gene is present, you may also see white patches in the colored areas or a small white tail tip. Locketts do not apply.

Pattern: Van pattern only, which is a blazed head patch and colored tail on white. Markings are ideally confined to the head and tail, but up to 20 percent of the cat (includes head and tail) may be colored with random spotting as long as it does not detract from the van pattern. A blaze (a white streak up the nose) to at least between the front edge of the ears is desirable. Allow for extended color on head or rump. Color on the tail should be continuous from base to tip. In tabbied colors, it should be ringed and darker above than below. Color may extend up rump.

ALLOWANCES:

seasonal coat

PENALIZE:

Any evidence toward extremes (i.e., short cobby or fine boning); flat profile.

Particolor: Color over more than 20 percent of the cat; lack of facial blaze.

Solid: Yellowing on the coat.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

General: Definite nose break, poor condition.

Any Color with White Divisions: Total absence of color on the head or tail; bicolor pattern.

Solid: Any color other than white. Any spot of color on the body, head or tail, except that which is allowed on any other white cat of other breeds.