

BALINESE

Standard of Excellence

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ideal cat is svelte, elegant, with long tapering lines, supple and well muscled. The expression should be one of alertness and intelligence. The body, legs, feet, head and tail are all in proportion, giving the whole a well-balanced appearance.

Head	Long and well proportioned, carried upon an elegant neck, with width between the ears, narrowing in perfectly straight lines to a fine muzzle, with a straight profile and firm chin in line with the upper jaw. Ears large and pricked, wide at base, continuing the line of the wedge.
Eyes	Oriental in shape and slanting towards the nose, but with width between. No tendency to squint.
Eye Colour	Sealpoint & derivatives - Clear brilliant deep blue. All others - Clear bright vivid blue.
Body, Legs, Paws & Tail	Medium in size. Long, svelte, well muscled and elegant. The shoulders are not wider than the hips. Legs long and fine, in proportion to the body, hind legs slightly higher than the front. Paws neat and oval. Tail plume-like.
Coat	Medium-long, fine and silky in texture, without woolly undercoat, lying mainly flat along the body, with the exception of the areas around the chin, neck and tail, where there may be a tendency to frill, thereby disguising the underlying bone structure. By smoothing back the coat it is possible to study the lines of the bone. Absence of a frill is to be preferred. Balinese do not normally achieve full coat until they are adults and allowance should be made for this.
Points	Mask, ears, legs, feet and tail dense with colour, clearly defined, matching on all points, showing clear contrast between points and body colour. Mask complete (except in kittens). The mask must not extend over the entire head, but is connected to the ears by tracings of colour.
Colour Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight shading on the body harmonizing with the points colour permissible. • A deeper body colour is allowed in older cats.
Faults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stud damage on a queen. • Jowls in males. • A non-visible kink at the extremity of the tail. • Kittens frequently show tabby "ghost" markings when changing coat.

Withhold First Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point and body colour which do not adhere to the standard set for the particular colour. • White/lighter coloured hairs or ticked hairs (brindling) in the points. • Incorrect eye colour (any other eye colour other than blue). • An obvious receding or protruding jaw. • White toe or toes. • Any visible kink. • White spotting. This is not to be confused with the light coloured fur in the immediate area of the lips and lower jaw on agouti-patterned cats. • Cast or squint in one or both eyes.
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head, incl. Ears, Eye Shape & Set	25
Body, Legs, Feet & Tail	25
Coat, Texture & Colour	30
Eye Colour	10
Condition	10

RECOGNISED COLOURS

All Traditional Siamese Colours.

Allowed Outcrosses:

Siamese, Oriental, Foreign White, Javanese and Javanese Variant.