

BAMBINO

Preliminary Standard

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Bambinos are the deliberate hybrid from a Sphynx and Munchkin. They are short legged with no coat although not truly hairless. The skin should have the texture of Chamois. They may be covered with a fine down which is almost imperceptible to the eye and touch. The body is medium-long but must not be too long; well rounded abdomen set on short forelegs of equal length and rear legs (although these may be slightly higher than forelegs) must also be of equal length. The head is medium sized wedge with rounded contours, with rounded skull and prominent cheek bones. Ears very large & open at base. Tail to be whippy tapering to a tip.

Head	Medium sized modified wedge with rounded contours, slightly longer than wide. Skull is slightly rounded with a rather flat forehead and prominent cheekbones with a distinct whisker pad.
Muzzle / Chin	Strong rounded muzzle with a distinct whisker break and firm chin. Profile has a slight to moderate stop at the bridge of the nose.
Ears	Very large, broad at the base and open; set upright, neither low-set or on top of the head. The interior of the ear is totally hairless. Only a slight amount of hair allowed on the lower outside edges and on the back of the ear.
Eyes	Large, rounded, lemon-shaped, slanting to the outer corner of the ear. Slightly more than one eye-width between eyes.
Profile	Two-planed flat forehead. A slight stop.
Neck	Medium in length, rounded and well muscled. The neck arches from the shoulder to the base of the skull and is powerful, especially in males.
Body	Medium in size to medium long in length. The chest is broad and may tend towards barrel chested. The abdomen is well rounded having the appearance of having eaten a large meal but is not fat. The back is level. A slight rise from shoulders to tail is allowable as hind legs are usually higher than forelegs. Boning is medium. Hip firm.
Legs	Medium boning; short forelegs, upper and lower to be of equal length. Hind legs maybe slightly longer than front but still equal in length. A very slight bowing in the front legs is permissible
Feet	Medium in size, oval in shape with long slender toes. The paw pads are thicker than in other breeds, giving the cat the appearance of walking on air cushions The toes are very long, slender and prominent.
Tail	Whippy, tapering from the body to the tip (rat tail). Length to be in proportion to the body. A puff of hair on the tip is acceptable.

Coat	Length: Appears hairless. May be covered with a short fine down that is almost imperceptible to the eye and touch. Whiskers are short and sparse. Tail may have a lion puff at the tip. Texture: A chamois-like feel. A resistance may be felt when stroking the skin of some cats. The skin is very wrinkled in kittens. Adults should retain as many wrinkles as possible, especially on the head. Wrinkling should not be so pronounced that it affects the cat's normal functions.
Condition & Balance	Females are generally smaller than males. Quality to be the deciding factor over size.
Temperament	An athletic animal, good-natured with an intelligent outgoing nature and even temperament.

FAULTS

Penalise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Mobility • Bite deformity • Toeing out of front feet • Excessive bowing of legs • Protruding sternum • Flanged or shortened rib cage • Buttons or lockets • Cow Hocking • Overall small cat • Boning too thin; appearing frail • Too cobby or foreign-bodied • Lack of wrinkles on the head • Straight profile • Excessive bowing of legs • Non amenable disposition • Significant amounts of hair above ankles
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Withhold All Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of Illness • Poor Health • Emaciation • Foreshortened tail • Splayed toes • Poor Health • Any indication of wavy hair • Suggestion of Cornish or Devon Rex in moult • Any evidence of depilating, plucking, shaving or clipping or any other means of hair removal
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Disqualify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinked tail • Severe malocclusion • Lameness • Crossed eyes/ Squint • Sway or humped back • Covered with fur • Polydactyl • Monorchid/ Cryptorchid • Unable to handle
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total		100 points
Head	Shape - 10 Ears - 7 Eyes - 6 Muzzle - 7 Chin - 3 Profile - 5 Neck - 2	40
Body	Torso - 10 Legs - 10 Feet - 3 Tail - 2 Boning - 7 Musculature - 8	40
Coat	Length – 5 Texture – 15	20

RECOGNISED COLOURS

All colours allowed conforming to the colour standards

Allowable Outcrosses:

Bambino Variants, Sphynx, Sphynx Variant, Munchkin & Variants, Domestic.

First cross only

Munchkin X Sphynx - all progeny called Bambino Variants (No further crossings allowed).

Bambino Variants will produce a Bambino –

Bambino variant Long Leg X Bambino Variant Short Leg is allowed but **not** Bambino Variant Short Leg X Bambino Variant Short Leg

No short leg to short leg mating

Every cat that is not a Bambino must be called a Bambino variant

- Bald and with short legs Registered as Bambino with no genetic marker.(apart from other mitigating genetic factors)
- Bald with long legs (Sphynx lookalike) to carry the marker **BBVX**.
- Coated with short legs (Munchkin lookalike) to carry the marker **BBVM**.
- Coated with long legs (Munchkin Variant/Domestic lookalike) to carry the marker **BBVL**
- Codicil to Sphynx Program All Sphynx Variants (no matter what the outcross) to carry the code "**XVT**" and not just "**VT**" from this date forward.

No Bambino to Bambino mating

No Bambino to Munchkin mating

No Bambino or Variant to Short legs

Outlawed: Bambino and their variants to any other breed