

## HIMALAYAN

### Standard of Excellence

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ideal Himalayan should present an impression of a heavily boned, well-balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The long thick coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Head	Round and massive, with great breadth of skull, full cheeks, round face, with round underlying bone structure. Forehead rounded, depth of skull to be as great as possible with back of head well rounded. Well set, on short thick neck.
Nose	Short, snub and broad, with "break" centred between the eyes.
Jaw/Chin	Broad and powerful, with full, well developed and firmly rounded chin, reflecting a proper bite.
Ears	Small, round tipped, tilted forward and not unduly open at the base. Set far apart and low on the head, fitting into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head.
Eyes	Brilliant in colour. Large, round and full, set level and far apart, brilliant, giving a sweet expression to the face.
Body	Of cobby type, low on the legs, broad and deep in the chest, equally massive across the shoulders and rump, with a short, well rounded mid-section and level back. Good muscle tone, with no evidence of obesity. Large or medium in size. Quality the determining consideration rather than size.
Legs & Paws	Short, thick and strong. Forelegs straight. Hind legs straight when viewed from behind. Large, round and firm paws, toes carried close, five in front and four behind.
Tail	Short, very full and in proportion to the body. Not tapering and carried without a curve set at an angle lower than the back.
Coat	Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.

## SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head (incl. Size & shape of Eyes, Ear shape & Set)	30
Body Type (incl. Shape, size, bone & length of tail)	30
Coat incl. Colour, Texture, Quality & Condition	30
Eye Colour	10

## HIMALAYAN PATTERN

(For pattern description refer Pattern Section at front of book)

**RECOGNISED COLOURS:** All Traditional Himalayan Colours.

### **ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:**

Selected Breed Registration rules apply.

Persian, (carrying points). Pointed kittens registered as Himalayans and non-pointed registered as Persians. (according to phenotype).

Persian. All non pointed longhairs registered as Persian.

Exotic Shorthair or Longhair. All shorthairs registered as Exotics, all Pointed Longhairs registered as Himalayans and all non-pointed Longhairs registered as Persians.