

NEPALAYAN Longhair & Shorthair Standard of Excellence

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The typical Nepayalan is a Pointed Longhaired or Shorthaired Polydactyl cat, derived from hybridisation with Himalayan and Pointed Exotic cats. The Nepalayan, is derived from combining the name of the country of Nepal, with the name of the Mountain range in that country from which the Pointed Pattern also takes its name and the home of the legendary "Yeti" or "Bigfoot" of the Himalayas. In essence the breed is derived from the Himalayan hybridisation of the Clippercat, New Zealands own native polydactyl cat, with Himalayan Persian and Pointed Exotic cats. The ideal Nepalayan is therefore a medium to medium short bodied cat of muscular build. The overall appearance is that of a sound, well-balanced polydactyl cat, indicating endurance. The cat must be Pointed in Pattern and be a Polydactyl.

Body	Medium to medium short, solidly built, muscular, with well rounded ample chest and well developed shoulders. Back straight and level, equally broad from shoulder to hip. Males proportionately larger than females.
Head	Medium to large. Head to be a SHORT BLUNT WEDGE, with a slight but rounded muzzle on a gently rounded head. Eyes large and round with firm chin and bite, and in profile with no nose break but a slight stop and a gently rounded sloping forehead with width between the ears.. An open expression.
Neck	Medium and muscular, in proportion to the body.
Ears	Ears shall be Medium in size, with rounded tips, not unduly open at the base and set at a 45 degree angle.
Eyes	Large, and lustrous and round. Bright, clear and alert. Eye colour Blue, the deeper the better.
Legs	Medium to medium short but in proportion to the body, heavily boned and well muscled. All four legs straight with paws firm rounded and facing forward.
Tail	Medium to medium short, in proportion to the body, heavier at the base but tapering to a gently rounded tip.
Coat	In Longhairs the coat shall be FULL and standing out from the body, lustrous and full of life and vigour. Short, lustrous, moderately thick and even in Shorthairs. Dense enough to protect from moisture, moderately plush but not double coated.
Paws & Toes	<p>Paws should be firm and facing forward. Polydactyl paws may be "Closed Mitted", "Open Mitted" or "Patty-footed".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Mitted: Where the four toes are in a normal position, with a thumb and possibly extra toes with it, set to appear like a normal hand. • Open Mitted: Similar to a baseball mitt, having four toes together, also having a thumb and possibly extra toes with it, set in an OPEN position, like an extended hand. • Patty Footed: The toes form one large foot, without the division.

Paws & Toes Continued:	<p>Show cats SHOULD have extra toes on the front feet, but having them ONLY on the back feet is acceptable.</p> <p>Extra toes on the back feet are desirable but not essential. Where choosing between two exhibits of equal merit, preference should be given to exhibits with a symmetrical number of toes on both front and rear paws.</p> <p>A maximum of eight claws on the front paws, and seven claws on the rear paws for exhibition.</p>
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head (incl. Size, shape, neck, ears, eye shape & colour, nose & muzzle) (Eye colour – 5)	30
Body (incl. Size, shape, condition, muscle tone, legs, feet & tail)	30
Coat (incl. Colour, Condition & texture)	20
Polydactyly (incl. even-ness and formation)	20

Penalize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranginess or tendency to foreign body type. • Long tail. • Lack of sufficient muscle tone or any suggestion of softness. • Overly large or pointed ears.
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Disqualify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Polydactyl trait on either of the front paws. • More than 8 toes on the front paws or 7 on the rear paws. • Kinked or abnormal tail.
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RECOGNISED COLOURS:

All Traditional Himalayan Colours, including Solid Points, Tortie Points, TabbyPoints, Smoke Points, Silver and Silver Tabby Points, **and related Pointed Parti-Colours**.

NOTE on Parti-Colours: The amount of white spotting in Pointed Parti-colours is inconsequential, but in cats of equal quality, preference should be given to symmetry and a pattern which is pleasing to the eye.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Himalayan.
Pointed Exotics.