

ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR

Standard of Excellence

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Oriental Shorthair cats originated in England from a cross between a Siamese and a black cat. 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. Allowances should be made for jowls in males.

All colours/patterns of Oriental Shorthairs are comparatively darker in colour than their Siamese counterparts, due to the removal of the Siamese 'pointing' gene, which makes the cat self-coloured, and of a darker shade, e.g. Sealpoint Siamese with the 'pointing' gene removed becomes an Ebony/Black.

Head & Ears	Head long and well proportioned, carried upon an elegant neck, with width between 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.
Eyes	Oriental in shape and slanting towards the nose, but with width between. No tendency to squint.
Eye Colour	Decidedly green in adults. Kittens may show a blue or yellow tinge.
Body, Legs, Paws & Tail	Medium in size, body long and svelte, legs proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than the front, paws small and oval, tail long and tapering. The body, legs, paws, head and tail all in proportion, giving the whole a well balanced appearance.
Coat	Very short and fine in texture, glossy and close lying.

Faults which should not militate against an otherwise good exhibit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stud damage on a queen. • Jowls in males. • A non-visible kink at the extremity of the tail.
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Withhold First Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabby bars in non-agouti varieties. • 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. • Incorrect eye colour. • 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 Colours, including Parti-colours.
No Pointed series.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Selected Breed Registration rules apply:

Siamese. (Non-pointed progeny registered as Oriental Shorthairs)(Pointed Progeny registered as Siamese).

Foreign White. (Pointed registered as Siamese, Non-pointed as Foreign White or Oriental).