

TURKISH VAN **Standard of Excellence**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A native Turkish cat found in the region of Lake Van, in eastern Turkey near the border with Iran. Also known as the Van Cat, the Turkish Cat, the Turkish Swimming Cat. In Turkey it is called the Van Kedi. The Van Cat looks like a slightly larger version of the Angora, with the same long, silky fur. There is no undercoat, which gives the animal a sleek, elegant, long-bodied appearance. The coat is white except for the head and the plumed tail, which are auburn in colour. The eyes are unusual because they are often of different colours – one amber and one blue.

Head	Short wedge; nose long, straight but with a barely perceptible dip in profile.
Ears	Large, well feathered, fairly close together and set high on the head.
Eyes	Large and oval.
Body	Long and sturdy; the males are particularly muscular and strong.
Legs & Feet	Legs medium in length. Feet neat, well rounded and tufted.
Tail	Full brush, length to balance with the body.
Coat	Fur should be long, soft and silky to the roots. No woolly undercoat. It should be noted that the winter coat of the Van is longer and heavier than the summer coat.
Condition	Well groomed and immaculately prepared with no trace of greasiness, staining or tangles in the coat. Ears completely clean and free from all wax.

SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head & Eye Shape	25
Body & Tail	25
Ears	10
Eye colour	10
Coat, Colour & Condition	30

Withhold First Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siamese, Persian or British type. • Squint.
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RECOGNISED COLOURS:
Traditional Auburn and Cream only.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES: None.

AUBURN TURKISH VAN

Colour	Chalk white with no trace of yellow. Auburn markings on the face but not below the level of the eyes or beyond the base of the rear of the ears. The auburn on the face should be separated by a vertical white blaze. White nose. Ears should be white with delicate shell pink inside. The brush is auburn and faintly ringed and the colour may extend a very short distance up the back. The rings are more distinctive in kittens.
Nose Leather & Paw Pads	Pink.
Eyes	Light amber in colour with pink rims.

AUBURN TURKISH VAN (Blue-Eyed)

Colour	Chalk white with no trace of yellow. Auburn markings on the face but not below the level of the eyes or beyond the base of the rear of the ears. The auburn on the face should be separated by a vertical white blaze. White nose. Ears should be white with delicate shell pink inside. The brush is auburn and faintly ringed and the colour may extend a very short distance up the back. The rings are more distinctive in kittens.
Nose Leather & Paw Pads	Pink.
Eyes	Blue in colour with pink rims.

AUBURN TURKISH VAN (Odd-Eyed)

Colour	Chalk white with no trace of yellow. Auburn markings on the face but not below the level of the eyes or beyond the base of the rear of the ears. The auburn on the face should be separated by a vertical white blaze. White nose. Ears should be white with delicate shell pink inside. The brush is auburn and faintly ringed and the colour may extend a very short distance up the back. The rings are more distinctive in kittens.
Nose Leather & Paw Pads	Pink.
Eyes	One of blue, one of light amber, with pink rims.

CREAM TURKISH VAN

Colour	Chalk white with no trace of yellow. Cream markings on the face but not below the level of the eyes or beyond the base of the rear of the ears. The cream on the face should be separated by a vertical white blaze. White nose. Ears should be white with delicate shell pink inside. The brush is cream and faintly ringed and the colour may extend a very short distance up the back. The rings are more distinctive in kittens.
Nose Leather & Paw Pads	Pink.
Eyes	Light amber in colour with pink rims.

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