

## **VELVETDOLL**

### **Standard of Excellence**

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The ideal Velvetdoll is a medium to large, moderately longhaired cat. Being a non-pointed derivative of the Ragdoll Breed the head forms a broad, equilateral triangle, modified by a gently rounded muzzle. The eyes are large, oval and the eye colour must conform to coat colour and be clear, sound and distinctive. The rectangular body is large and long, broad and solid, with heavy boning. It has moderately long legs, and a long plumed tail. The naturally non-matting moderately long coat has abundant guard hairs, with minimal woolly undercoat, and flows with the body. The Velvetdoll is bred to conform as perfectly as possible to the moderate type of the foundation cats.

<b>Head (Size and shape)</b>	Proportionately large and broad. Triangular shaped, where all sides are of equal length as measured from the outside of the base of the ear to the end of the gently rounded muzzle. Appearance of a flat plane between ears. Cheeks in line with wedge. Allow for jowls in adult males. When whiskers and fur are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent.
<b>Eyes</b>	Large, oval in shape. Wide set and moderately slanted, complementing wedge. Eye colour to conform to coat colour and to be clear, sound and distinctive.
<b>Ears</b>	Medium-sized. Wide set and moderately flared, continuing the line of wedge. Wide at base with rounded tips, and tilted forward.
<b>Profile</b>	Slightly curving, ending in straight, medium-length nose. Chin well-developed, strong, in line with nose and upper lip.
<b>Neck</b>	Heavy and strong.
<b>Body</b>	Large and long, broad and solid, with heavy boning. Rectangular in shape, with a full chest and equal width across shoulders and hindquarters. Body firm, and muscular, not fat. Moderate stomach pad on lower abdomen acceptable. Females may be substantially smaller than males. Allow for slow maturation in young adults.
<b>Legs</b>	Heavily boned, moderately long. Hind legs longer than front. Shorter fur on front legs, longer fur on hind legs, with full, feathery britches.
<b>Paws</b>	Proportionately large, round and feather-tufted.
<b>Tail</b>	Long, with full plume.
<b>Coat</b>	The naturally non-matting moderately long fur is characterized by abundant guard hairs and minimal woolly undercoat. It flows with the body. Ruff preferred. Short on face, longer on ruff, shorter on shoulder blades, lengthening toward tail. Allow shorter coats in unaltered adults, and seasonal variations.

<b>Penalise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coat</b> - thick undercoat, standing off from body.</li> <li>• <b>Eyes</b> - small or round.</li> <li>• <b>Eye colour</b> - very pale, weak or unsound colour.</li> <li>• <b>Body</b> - cobby body low on legs. Short tail; non-directional lump on tail.</li> <li>• <b>Body Colour</b> – lockets or buttons on solid colours.</li> </ul>
<b>Disqualify</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nose</b> - any break..</li> <li>• <b>Various</b> - obesity. Directional kink in tail. Crossed eyes. Extra toes.</li> </ul>

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Head (incl. shape), Eyes, Ears &amp; Profile</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Body (incl. Structure &amp; Length) &amp; Legs</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Coat incl. Length, Structure &amp; Colour</b>	<b>30</b>

## RECOGNISED COLOURS

All Traditional Solids, Tabbies, Silvers and Parti-colours.

**NO POINTED COLOURS ALLOWED. NO SEPIA SERIES. NO CINNAMON & FAWN.**

### Allowable Outcrosses:

**Ragdoll.** All Non-pointed progeny registered as Velvetdoll.  
All Pointed progeny registered as Ragdoll with a genetic marker and shown as Ragdolls, conforming to the Standard for the Ragdoll.

**NOTE:** All Traditional Colours with white: must conform to the general standards for "and-white" cats. ie, shall be registered as either, Bi-Colour, Harlequin or Van patterned cats.  
The terms "Mitted" or "Bi-Colour" as they apply to Ragdoll Breed shall not apply with the same meaning to the Velvetdoll.

## **VARIANT Breeds**

- Judges should refer to the breed standard of the origin of the variant exhibit.
- The relevant Breed Standard should be applied as far as is allowable.
- Variants are eligible for Championship Titles.
- They may compete against each other within a breed.
- They may also compete with other breed Variants for Best of Division and be included in Finals.

## **GENERAL NOTES for Judges:**

Please remember that ***overall balance*** is more important than one or two minor penalising faults.

### **Temperament:**

Is an intangible part of beauty.

All exhibits must be unchallenging.

Any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify.

The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.