

Oriental Medium Hairs

The Oriental Medium Hair cat is a well-balanced animal with head, ears and neck carried on a long svelte body, supported on fine legs and feet and with a tail in proportion.

The head - frontal view and profile - is wedge-shaped, neither round nor sharp. Alert and intelligent expression.

HEAD	Wedge-shaped, long and well proportioned, carried on an elegant neck, with good width between the ears, narrowing in straight lines to a fine muzzle. The wedge starts at the tip of the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears, forming a triangle. The skull is slightly rounded. Straight profile and strong chin.
CHIN	Strong
NECK	Elegant
EARS	Large and pricked, wide at base.
EYES	Oriental eye shape, pointed at inner and outer corners. Set well apart and slanting towards the nose. Eye size medium, neither protruding nor recessed.
BODY	Medium in size, long, svelte and elegant.
LEGS	Proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than front legs
PAWS	Small and oval.
TAIL	Long, tapering and whip-like.
COAT	Coat medium long, fine and silky in texture, without woolly undercoat, lying flat along the body. The ears may be tufted, and the tail plume-like.

Remarks:

1. Coat lies flat along the body, with the exception of the areas around the chin, neck and tail, where there may be tendency to frill, thereby disguising the underlying bone structure. By smoothing back the coat, it is possible to study the lines of the bone. Absence of a frill is to be preferred.
2. Kittens, being born with short coats, do not normally achieve full coat until they are adults, and allowance should be made for this.

SCALE OF POINTS

Type:	Head	15
	Ears	5
	Eyes	5
	Body	15
	Legs and paws	5
	Tail	5
	Coat texture	10
Colour:	Eye Colour	10
	Coat and / or pattern	20
Condition		5
Temperament		5
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FAULTS

Major awards may be withheld, depending on degree of the following faults:

- Very weak chin.
- Uneven bite.
- Protruding lower end of sternum.
- Double coat.
- Any defects as listed under the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Withhold major awards for:

- Very weak chin **and** uneven bite.
- Fixed squint in one or both eyes.

Disqualify exhibit for:

- White toe or toes, except in breeds permitted white on feet.

Oriental Medium Hair coat colours

Self colours [White, black, blue, chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, red, cream, apricot and tortoiseshells]

Shaded colours [Tipped, Shaded and Smoke]

Patterned colours [Tabbies]

Patched colours [Bi-colours, Harlequins, Vans and Calicos]

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Oriental Medium Hair eye colours

<u>Self colours:</u> White Black, blue, chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, red, cream, apricot Black tortoiseshell, blue tortoiseshell, chocolate tortoiseshell, lilac tortoiseshell, cinnamon tortoiseshell, fawn tortoiseshell, caramel tortoiseshell	<u>Eye Colour:</u> Clear, brilliant deep blue All: Green Any shade of hazel or green.
<u>Shaded colours</u> Tipped and Smokes All tortoiseshell Tipped and Smokes	All: Green All shades from copper to green, with green preferred.
<u>Patterned colours</u> All classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked tabbies, incl. Silver tabbies All tortoiseshell tabbies (classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked) incl. Silver tortoiseshell tabbies	Green. All shades from copper to green, with green preferred
<u>Patched colours</u> Bi-colours, Harlequins, Vans All Calicos	All: Green All shades from copper to green, with green preferred

Allowable Outcrosses: Siamese, Orientals, Balinese

Note: Kittens with short coats that resemble Siamese or Orientals

- To be registered with the variant code (SIAv or ORlv)
- Should not be introduced into Siamese or Oriental breeding programs, but should be used in Balinese or Oriental Mediumhair programs only.
- May be shown in Siamese/Oriental classes.

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