

Oriental

The Oriental 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	Short and fine in texture, glossy and close lying.

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
		100

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 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 eye colours

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

Allowable Outcrosses: Siamese

Note: Any offspring from parents other than Siamese or Orientals may not be registered as Orientals.

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