

Peterbald

The Peterbald is a graceful cat of oriental body type, modified oriental head type and various unusual coat types, i.e. the hairless, flocked or velour and brush coated varieties. Some cats may display a combination of coat types. The baldness is caused by a dominant gene, not related to other genes causing baldness in cats. Full coated offspring may appear in litters and shall be registered as variants (PETv) and may be used for breeding, but not for showing.

HEAD	Wedge shaped, slightly longer than wide. Profile ideally straight, but a very slight break may be allowed. Muzzle strong, not narrow, ideally with straight lines, but a very slight whisker break may be allowed. Nose and chin in line. Flat forehead.
EARS	Large, pointed, open and wide at base. Set straight and fairly wide, following the line of the wedge and pricked.
EYES	Medium size, oriental shape and set at a slight slant towards the nose.
CHIN	Firm, but not protruding.
BODY	Oriental body type, medium size and fine boned. Long and elegant, firm and muscular.
LEGS	Long and slender with fine boning, firm and muscular. Forelegs straight.
PAWS	Oval, medium size. Toes long and agile with prominent membranes between.
TAIL	Long, straight and whippy, well balanced with length of body.
COAT/SKIN	<p>Three coat/skin types are allowed and exhibited in the same class.</p> <p>Hairless: The skin is thin and soft, wrinkled and easily moves along the body on the neck and undersides. It feels almost sticky, but not oily, to the touch. Appears hairless, but may be covered in a fine, short down in young cats. This generally disappears by 2 years of age. Skin texture chamois-like. Whiskers and eyebrows wavy and/or broken. Several vertical lines of wrinkles on forehead and neck.</p> <p>Velour or Flocked: The coat ranges from a short, fine, sparse down to a slightly longer, closer down which offers resistance to the hand when stroked. The flocked or velour coat may appear hairless until touched. The texture is suede-like.</p> <p>Brush: This is one of the Peterbald's most distinguishing characteristics. No other breed has a coat similar to this. The brush coat is a dense, wiry coat of irregular texture, ranging from soft to coarse. Brush coat may vary in length, but should in no way feel or look like a normal coat when closely inspected.</p> <p>Combination: In some instances a Peterbald may combine coat types. This is allowed, but not the ideal.</p>
EYE COLOUR	Any eye colour, no association between coat/skin colour and eye colour.
COAT/SKIN COLOUR	Any coat/skin colour and pattern allowed

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	25
Ears	5
Eyes shape and set	5
Neck	5
Body	10
Chest	5
Legs & Feet	5
Tail	10
Skin quality/wrinkles/baldness	20
Condition	5
Temperament	5
TOTAL	100

FAULTS

Withhold certificate or First Prizes in Kitten Classes for:

- Heavy boning
- Cobby body
- Very weak chin
- Bowed front legs
- Significant quantities of normal hair except on extremities.
- Any defect as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds section.

ALLOWANCES

- Light, fine hair in adult cats.
- Lockets are permitted.
- Males are larger than females and should not be penalized as long as the cat is in balance.

Allowable Outcross Breeds:

Siamese
Balinese
Oriental Shorthair
Oriental Mediumhair
Russian Hairless (Don Sphynx)

Outcrosses with Sphynx are specifically NOT permitted.

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