

Siberian

The Siberian is a large, strong cat which takes 5 years to mature. The females may weigh less than the males. They are extremely agile and great leapers. Their muscles are mighty, outstanding and powerful. The back is long and very slightly curved or arched, but appears horizontal when in motion. Convex muscular waist and round, compact belly develop with age. The hind legs, when straightened, are slightly longer than the forelegs. The paws are round, big and quite powerful. The overall appearance should be one of great strength, force and size with an excellent physical condition and alertness; the facial expression is quite sweet. The general impression is one of roundness and circles, rather than the rectangles and triangles of similar breeds.

The head is a modified wedge of medium size with rounded contours, broader at the skull and narrowing slightly to a full rounded muzzle with well-rounded chin. There may be a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous. The cheek bones are neither high set nor prominent. There should be a good distance between the ears and eyes. The top of the head is flat, with a slight nose curvature of a gentle slope from the forehead to the nose and a slight concave curvature before the tip. The neck is medium-long, rounded, substantial and well-muscled.

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| HEAD | Broad, modified wedge of medium size with gently rounded contours. Moderately long, rounded muzzle. Muzzle break with a slight curvature. Flat top of head with a slightly curved forehead. Nose has a slight curvature and the lower portion to the tip of the nose is slightly concave rather than straight. Nose broad between the eyes, narrowing towards the end of the nose. Cheeks not pronounced. Whiskers long. |
| EARS | Medium-large, wide at base with rounded tips. Wide set, approximately 1 to 1 ½ ear widths apart and set almost as much on the sides as on top of head. Tilted forward. Hair over the back of the ears is short and thin, merging at the base with facial hair in front and ruff on the back. From the middle of the ear the furnishings become longer, covering the base of the ear completely. |
| EYES | Large and almost round, wide set with the outer corner slightly angled toward the lower base of the ear. There is no relationship between eye colour and coat colour/pattern, however, the typical adult colour is yellow-green. |
| NECK | Medium-long, rounded, substantial, thick and well muscled. |
| BODY | Moderately long and substantial. Back slightly curved or arched. Compact, tight belly and convex torso appear with age. Boning large. Chest well rounded. Hips substantial. Musculature substantial. |
| LEGS | Moderately long. Hind legs slightly longer than the front legs; not noticeable when the cat is in motion. Heavy boning and substantial musculature. |
| PAWS | Round, large and toe tufts desirable. |
| TAIL | Medium in length, wide at the base and blunt at the tip. |
| COAT | Moderately long to long on body; slightly shorter on shoulder blades and part of the chest; lower coat long. Allowances for shorter coats should be made in warm weather. Full ruff. Coat texture with oily guard hairs for a water resistant coat; drier following grooming. Coat thicker on shoulder blades and lower part of chest, may be waved on belly and britches. Tail-fur even and thick. Long hairs draping down from top side of the tail. |
| EYE COLOUR | All colours acceptable. Coat and eye colour may be unrelated. |

SCALE OF POINTS

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| Head and ears | Shape | 10 |
| | Size | 5 |
| | Profile | 4 |
| | Ears | 4 |
| | Muzzle | 2 |
| Eyes | | 5 |
| Body, legs and tail | Shape | 5 |
| | Size | 15 |
| | Boning | 5 |
| | Musculature | 5 |
| | Neck | 5 |
| Legs and feet | | 5 |
| Coat texture | Length | 10 |
| | Texture | 5 |
| | Undercoat | 5 |
| Condition | | 5 |
| Temperament | | 5 |
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FAULTS

Major awards withheld for:

- Adult cats not having substantial weight.
- Straight profile.
- Narrow or fox-like muzzle.
- Almond shaped eyes.
- Very long legs.
- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Allowable Outcrosses: None

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