



# Turkish Angora

**GENERAL:** *The ideal Turkish Angora is a perfectly balanced, graceful cat with a lithe appearance, and a fine, silky coat that shimmers with every movement, in contrast to the firm, long muscular body beneath it. Medium in size, but overall balance, grace and fineness of bone more important than actual size.*

**HEAD:** A medium long, smooth wedge, small to medium in size and in balance with the length of the body and extremities. The profile consists of two planes formed by a flat top head and the line of the nose meeting at an angle slightly above the eyes. Nose medium in length with no break. The muzzle is a continuation of the smooth lines of the wedge with neither pronounced whisker pads nor a pinch. Chin firm and gently rounded, forming a straight line with the nose when viewed in profile. Allowance is to be made for jowls.

**EARS:** Large, wide at base, pointed and tufted. Set closely together, high on the head, vertical and erect.

**EYES:** Large, almond shaped, slanting slightly upward with open expression.

**NECK:** Slim, graceful and rather long.

**BODY:** Medium sized, long and slender, possessing greater depth than width and oval rather than round and not tubular. Narrow chest. Shoulders the same width as the hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Fine boned with firm muscularity.

**LEGS & PAWS:** Long, with longer hind legs than front legs. Paws small, round and dainty. Tufts between toes preferable.

**TAIL:** Long and tapering from a wide base to a narrow end, with full brush.

**COAT:** Semi longhair with slight undercoat, appearing to be single coated. Length of body coat varies, but tail and ruff should be long, full, finely textured and have a silk-like sheen. Texture silky and fine, with little undercoat, wavy on stomach. Trousers apparent.

**EYE COLOUR:** No relationship between eye colour and coat colour, with much variation included within each eye colour spectrum, especially as cats mature.

- Blue: sky blue ranging to sapphire
- Green: gooseberry ranging to emerald
- Green-gold, including any gold or amber eye that carries a greenish cast or ring.
- Amber, ranging from gold to rich copper but has no green cast or ring.
- Odd eyed: with one blue eye and the other green, green-gold or amber

Deeper richer tones of eye colour are preferred. Odd eyed cats should have similar depth of colour in both eyes.

**COAT COLOUR:** All colours should be considered of equal value. Colour faults such as leg barring in shaded cats or tabby markings on smoke cats may be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colour develops and is expressed in this breed. While lockets and buttons should not be penalised, sound colour is preferred.

All colours and patterns accepted, except for chocolate, lilac, caramel and the pointed pattern.

## Allowances:

- Growth bump on forehead or end of nose.
- Gentle profile slope in kittens.
- Lack of full coat in kittens.
- Ruff and trousers may take up to 2-3 years to develop.
- Jowls and slightly wider ear set in mature males with broader heads.
- Females are smaller than males.

## Penalise:

An obviously oversized, coarse appearance.

## Disqualify:

- Cobby body type
- Kink or any vertebral malformation of the tail
- Crossed eyes

## Allowable outcross breeds:

- None.

**Standard amended:** 2020

## SCALE OF POINTS

### HEAD (40)

Head shape and profile **15**

Ears (size 5; placement 10) **15**

Eye size, shape and placement **10**

### BODY (35)

Size and boning **10**

Torso, including neck **15**

Legs and tail **5**

Muscle tone **5**

**BALANCE** **10**

**COAT** **10**

**COLOUR** **5**

**TOTAL** **100**