

Don Sphynx (DSX) **(Donskoy)**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Don Sphynx is the result of a spontaneous mutation. Don Sphynx or Donskoys are quite elegant and sturdy with strong boning. The Don Sphynx is a very intriguing, unique, soft-hearted and social cat of medium size with soft hairless wrinkled skin that feels hot and velvety to the touch. The Don Sphynx is very active, friendly and highly intelligent.

HEAD:

A medium sized modified wedge with flat forehead and finely outlined cheek-bones and eyebrows. The head is approximately 1/3 longer than it is wide. Just above and between the eyes is a palpable indentation.

The medium length muzzle is slightly rounded and clearly defined with a slight pinch., Medium length nose with a definite roman curve. The canine teeth are long, and may protrude from behind the upper lip. Chin and jaw are well-developed.

Whiskers may be curly, thick, broken, long or short, sparse or appear to be completely absent due to breakage.

EARS

Large, wide open, wide at base, set upright and tilted slightly forward, neither low nor on top of the head. Rounded ear tips. Set wide apart, about the width of an ear base. Outer edges of the ears continue the line of the wedge.

EYES

Medium to large almond-shaped eyes in proportion to head. Not held wide open. Slanted towards the outer corner of the ear. Eyebrows may be whole, broken or totally absent.

NECK

Medium in length and in proportion to body size. Rounded and well muscled. The neck arches from the base of the skull and is well set into angulated shoulders. Powerful, especially in males.

BODY

Medium to medium-long. Medium in size and boning, hard and muscular, not delicate. Strong-boned, with broad chest and shoulders. Deep flanks. The abdomen is well rounded, having the appearance of recently eaten a large meal, but not fat. Males are more muscular and become significantly larger than females. The male has jowls, a thicker neck, wider shoulders, and a broader head than the female.

LEGS

Length in proportion to body, with medium boning and firm musculature.

Hind legs slightly longer than front legs. Front legs widely set. Females may have slightly finer boning.

Medium size, oval paws with long slender toes. Toes are very long, slim and distinguished by thumbs that bend inward rather than downward on the front paws, giving the appearance of slender hands (monkey fingers). Webbed toes. Paw pads are thick and cushion-like.

TAIL

Medium long, whippy tail, tapering from base to tip. Length in proportion to body. Young cats may have hair on their tails which should disappear by the age of two. Residual fluff-hairs on the tail tip is allowable in older cats. Baldness is preferred.

COAT

Skin is elastic, with pronounced wrinkles on the cheeks, jowls and under the chin. Vertical wrinkles between the ears run down the forehead and spread into horizontal lines above the eyes. Wrinkles are also found at the base of the neck, in the breast area, at the base of the tail, on the front and undersides of the legs, down the sides of the body to the underbelly and groin. The more wrinkles the better. Adults should retain as many wrinkles as possible, although wrinkling should not be so pronounced that it affects normal functions. Allowable: residual flock coat on the whole body as well as short sparse fur on the muzzle, ear and legs.

Allowance should be made for residual fur on the "points" - muzzle, ears, legs and tail. The residual fur must fully disappear from adult cats by two years of age.

Allowance should be made for sparse furnishing of fur on the whole body in winter. Slight down hair may be allowed. Full hairlessness is preferable. The texture of the

bald cats and some flock coated cats offers resistance when the skin is stroked; it is similar to stroking chamois. The texture of the velour is smooth and soft, offering no resistance.

COAT TYPES

Born Bald: Born bald and remain that way throughout its life. Show coat.

Flocked: Appears hairless; has the texture of a chamois. Show coat.

Velour: Born with a bald spot or Monk's cap on the top of the head. Body is covered with a wavy coat which disappears gradually within the first year. There may be some residual hair remaining on the face, legs and tail, but most are usually hairless by 2 years of age. Show coat.

Brush: Bristly, soft, wavy, often wiry fur on the whole body; bald area on the head, upper part of neck or on the back. Admissible for breeding program but not for show.

COLOURS

All colours and patterns allowed.
No relationship between eye color and coat color.

**ALLOWANCES
PENALIZE**

Lockets and white buttons
Head too short or round
Long narrow wedge.
Lack of wrinkles.
Small or low set ears.
Round eyes.
Body too cobby or foreign.
Round paws
Thin skin and/or not enough wrinkles.
Tail that curls or circles over the back (ring tail) when standing.
Tail that does not hold close to the body or is laying straight along side the body when sitting.
Significant amounts of hair above the ankle.

DISQUALIFY

Any indication of wavy hair, or suggestion of Devon Rex or Cornish Rex type Rex in molt.
Any evidence of depilating, plucking, shaving or clipping, or any other means of hair removal.
One or both eyelids turned inward.

**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSS
BREEDS**

Domestic Shorthairs only.
Not any member of a recognized breed

POINT SCORE

HEAD 40 points
Shape. 10
Ears. 7
Eyes. 6
Muzzle/Chin 7
Profile. 6
Neck. 4
BODY 40 points
Torso. 15
Legs 9
Feet. 8
Tail. 8
COAT 20 points