

# Siberian



The Siberian, Russia's native forest cat, first appeared in recorded history around the year 1000 and hails from the unforgiving climate of Siberia. This is an extremely agile cat, with no extremes in type, that nature designed to survive. The Siberian is a medium to medium large, strong triple coated cat with surprising weight for its size. The overall appearance should be one of strength, presence, and alertness, with a sweet facial expression.

This breed is extremely slow to mature, taking as long as 5 years. Females are generally smaller than males and allowances should be made when comparing females and young cats to the standard. The general impression is one of roundness and circles, rather than rectangles and triangles.

| <p><b>HEAD:</b> Broad modified wedge of medium to large size with gently rounded contours, in proportion to the body. The head is broader at the top of the skull and narrows slightly to a full rounded moderately short muzzle. There may be a slight muzzle curvature, but it is gentle and inconspicuous. The cheekbones are neither high set nor prominent. In profile, the top of the head is almost flat, with a gentle slope from the forehead to the nose and a slight concave curvature before the tip of the nose. The nose is broad. The chin is well rounded and in line with the nose. Males will have well developed jowls and females will have a more moderate look.</p> <p><b>EARS:</b> Medium-large, wide at base with rounded tips. Wide set; almost as much as on top as on the sides of head. Tilted forward. Well furnished.</p> <p><b>EYES:</b> Large and slightly oval, wide set with the outer corner slightly angled toward the base of the ear. There is no relationship between eye colour and coat colour/pattern, except for pointed cats who should have blue eyes.</p> <p><b>NECK:</b> Medium-long, rounded, substantial, thick and well-muscled.</p> <p><b>BODY:</b> Moderately long with substantial boning. Muscular and heavy. Back slightly arched. Chest broad and well rounded. A barrel-shaped, firm belly giving the sensation of solid weight (which appears with age). Hips substantial.</p> | <p><b>LEGS:</b> Moderately long. Muscular with substantial boning. Hind legs slightly longer than the front legs; not noticeable when the cat is in motion.</p> <p><b>PAWS:</b> Round, large and toe tufts desirable.</p> <p><b>TAIL:</b> Medium in length, wide at the base and blunt at the tip.</p> <p><b>COAT:</b> A moderately long to long triple coat with a full ruff. Slightly shorter on shoulder blades and parts of the lower chest. A very dense undercoat to be covered by a glossy water repellent top coat over the back, flanks and top of the tail. Coat may be wavy on belly and trousers. Tail fur even and thick. Long hairs draping down from top side of the tail. Texture varies from coarse to soft, depending on the colour and pattern. Allowances for shorter summer coats.</p> <p><b>EYE COLOUR:</b> All colours acceptable. Coat and eye colour may be unrelated.</p> <p><b>COAT COLOUR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All colours and patterns are accepted with or without white.</li> <li>• Pointed cats are called Neva Masquerade.</li> <li>• Chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, the Dilute modifier and the Burmese factor are not permitted</li> </ul> | <p><b>FAULTS</b></p> <p><b>Major awards withheld for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult cats not having substantial weight.</li> <li>• Straight profile.</li> <li>• Narrow or fox-like muzzle.</li> <li>• Almond shaped eyes.</li> <li>• Very long legs</li> <li>• Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.</li> </ul> <p><b>Allowable outcross breeds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>Standard Amended:</b> 2020</p> |                 |  |  |      |  |    |      |  |   |      |  |   |                           |  |    |                                   |  |    |           |  |   |             |  |   |              |  |            |
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