

# Turkish Van



**HEAD:** Moderately short wedge. Nose long, straight but with a barely perceptible dip in profile. High prominent cheekbones.

**EARS:** Medium to large, well feathered, set high and well apart, height equal to separation width.

**EYES:** Large and expressive with a wide almond shape and slightly oblique set.

**NECK:** Neck fairly short and muscular.

**BODY:** Long and sturdy, full chested and particularly muscular. Shoulders should be at least as broad as the head. Males are larger and more imposing than females. Kittens do not have the hard muscular feel of adults.

**LEGS:** Medium in length, hind legs slightly longer, set wide apart.

**PAWS:** Neat, well rounded and tufted.

**TAIL:** Full brush, medium length to balance body.

**COAT:** Semi-long, soft and silky to the roots. Individual hair is fine, waterproof and has a slight stand away quality. No woolly undercoat. Winter coat is fuller, longer and softer. Summer coat is short except for tail, breeches and under parts. A frontal ruff becomes more prominent with age and attains full development in a mature male (3-5 years). Allowances should be made in this regard for immature cats and kittens.

**PATTERN:** Coat glistening chalk white with no trace of yellow. Colour markings on the face but not below the level of the eyes or beyond the base of the rear of the ears. The colour on the face should be separated by a vertical blaze, extending to at least between the ears. White nose. Ears should be predominantly white with a delicate pink inside. The brush is coloured and faintly ringed and the colour may extend a very short distance up the back. The rings are more distinct in kittens.

Nose leather pink.

Paw pads  
 - pink for Auburn and Cream Turkish Vans  
 - pink or black for black and black tortoiseshell and white  
 - pink or blue for blue and blue tortoiseshell and white

**Note:** *The foregoing description is of the ideal but show specimens may have up to 10% of colour mainly on head and tail, including random spotting on the rest of the body. Occasional small coloured "thumbprints" irregularly placed on the cat are undesirable but should not necessarily disqualify an otherwise good specimen.*

**COAT COLOUR:** Auburn and white; cream and white; black and white; blue and white; black tortoiseshell and white or blue tortoiseshell and white.

**EYE COLOUR:** Light amber to green with amber preferred OR blue OR one eye blue and one light amber to green. Pink rims.

## FAULTS

- High white Harlequin pattern.

### Major awards withheld for:

- Severe nose break.
- Siamese, Persian or British type.
- Squints or Kink.
- Small size in adult.
- Bi-colour patterning.
- Unmistakeable Harlequin pattern exceeding 20% colour.
- Weakness in hindquarters.
- Any defects listed in the Relevant to all Breeds Section.

### Allowable outcross breeds:

- None.

### Standard amended:

January 2002/ 2011/ 2020

## SCALE OF POINTS

Head and Ears	25
Eyes	10
Body and Tail	25
Colour & Coat	30
Condition	5
Temperament	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>