

## Balinese

*The Balinese cat is a well-balanced animal with head, ears and neck carried on a long svelte body, supported on fine legs and feet and with a tail in proportion.*

The head - frontal view and profile - is wedge-shaped, neither round nor sharp. Alert and intelligent expression.

<b>HEAD</b>	Wedge-shaped, long and well proportioned, carried on an elegant neck, with good width between the ears, narrowing in straight lines to a fine muzzle. The wedge starts at the tip of the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears, forming an equilateral triangle. The skull is slightly rounded. Straight profile and strong chin.
<b>CHIN</b>	Strong
<b>NECK</b>	Elegant.
<b>EARS</b>	Large and pricked, wide at base, set so as to continue the lines of the wedge.
<b>EYES</b>	Oriental eye shape, pointed at inner and outer corners. Set well apart and slanting towards the nose. Eye size medium, neither protruding nor recessed.
<b>BODY</b>	Medium in size, long, svelte and elegant.
<b>LEGS</b>	Long, proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than front legs.
<b>PAWS</b>	Small and oval.
<b>TAIL</b>	Long, tapering and whip-like.
<b>COAT</b>	Coat medium long, fine and silky in texture, without woolly undercoat, lying flat along the body. The ears may be tufted, and the tail plume-like.

### Remarks:

1. Coat lies flat along the body, with the exception of the areas around the chin, neck and tail, where there may be tendency to frill, thereby disguising the underlying bone structure. By smoothing back the coat, it is possible to study the lines of the bone. Absence of a frill is to be preferred.
2. Kittens, being born with short coats, do not normally achieve full coat until they are adults, and allowance should be made for this.

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Ears</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Body</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Legs and paws</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Tail</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Coat texture</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Colour:</b>	<b>Eye Colour</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Point Colour</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Body Colour</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Condition</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Temperament</b>		<b>5</b>
		<b>100</b>

## **FAULTS**

**Major awards may be withheld, depending on degree of the following faults:**

- Very weak chin.
- Uneven bite.
- Protruding lower end of sternum.
- A complete hood.
- Lack of contrast between body and points.
- Heavily marked body, e.g. spots or bars.
- Incorrect colour on nose leather or pads.
- Lack of tracings (for solid colour Siamese)
- Heavy ringing on tail (for solid colour Siamese).
- Any defects as listed under the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

**Withhold major awards for:**

- Very weak chin **and** uneven bite.
- Fixed squint in one or both eyes.
- Eyes tinged green, or green rimmed.

**Disqualify exhibit for:**

- White toe or toes.

## **Balinese coat colours**

Pointed colours (excluding Silver Tabby Point, Silver Tortoiseshell Tabby Point, Smoke Point & Tortoiseshell Smoke Point)

*Note: Please see DETAILED COLOUR AND PATTERN DESCRIPTIONS document for more information*

## **Balinese eye colours**

<b>Colours:</b>	<b>Eye colour:</b>
Eye colour - Sealpoint, Seal tortiepoint, Seal tabbypoint and Seal tortoiseshell tabbypoint	Clear, brilliant deep blue
All other Pointed colours	Clear, bright vivid blue

**Allowable Outcrosses:** Siamese, Orientals, Medium Hair Orientals

**Note:** Kittens with short coats that resemble Siamese or Orientals

- to be registered with the variant code (SIAv or ORlv)
- Should not be introduced into Siamese or Oriental breeding programmes, but may be used in Balinese or Oriental Mediumhair programmes only.
- May be shown in Siamese/Oriental classes.

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