

Russian

HEAD	Medium wedge with flat skull and forehead; a straight nose, high cheek bones and prominent whisker pads. In profile the forehead and nose are straight; forming an angle where they meet. The chin should be strong and deep with a level bite. Allowance should be made for mature males with jowls which may disguise the true wedge.
EARS	Large and pointed, in balance to the head, slightly taller than wide, wide at the base, set vertically to the head and not flared. The tips of the ears are just inside a vertical line with the outer edge of the eyes. The skin of the ears is thin, with sparse inside furnishing.
EYES	Set rather wide apart, almond in shape
CHIN	Firm chin
BODY	Males; medium to large in size, strong boned, well-muscled, yet long and graceful in outline and carriage. Females are smaller in size, medium to strong boned, elegantly muscled, yet long and graceful in outline and carriage.
LEGS	Long
PAWS	Small and oval
TAIL	Fairly long and tapering. Neither blunt-ended nor whippy
COAT	Short, thick, very fine, soft and silky, with plush-like texture. Very different from any other breed. Coat is double and has a lustrous appearance. Areas of shorter fur show a distinct silver sheen. The texture and appearance of the coat are the truest criteria of the breed.
EYE COLOUR	Vivid Green

SCALE OF POINTS

Type:	Head shape	15
	Ears	15
	Eyes	5
	Body and Tail	15
	Coat texture	20
Colour:	Eyes	10
	Coat	10
	Condition	5
	Temperament	5
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FAULTS

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

- Siamese type.
- Square head.
- Round head.
- Weak chin and / or uneven bite.
- Yellowish tone to eyes.
- Cobby or thickset body.
- Tail thick at base.
- Flat lying coat.
- White hairs in the coat of the Russian Blue and Russian Black.
- Coat must be free of tabby markings and shadings in the Blue Russian.
- Coat must show no trace of yellow or dark hair or shading of any kind in the White Russian.
- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Russian Coat Colours

BLUE

Coat Colour	Medium blue preferred. Sound and even throughout, free from tabby markings and shadings. Areas of shorter fur show a distinct silvery sheen.
Nose Leather:	Blue
Pad Colour:	Blue or pinkish blue

WHITE

Coat Colour	The Russian White is pure white, with no trace of yellow or dark hairs or shading of any kind. White kittens often have a coloured cap on the head. This is normal and disappears around 12 months of age and should not be penalised. Crystal sheen required. NB: May have a firm, harsher textured coat to the touch.
Nose Leather:	Pink
Pad Colour	Pink

BLACK

Coat Colour	The Russian Black coat is glossy, jet black, even and solid to the roots, which may be lighter in tone. NB: May have a firm, but silky textured coat.
Nose leather:	Black or dark brown
Pad colour:	Black or dark brown

BLUE SPOTTED See SACC Detailed Colour and Pattern Descriptions.
TABBY .

Allowable Outcross Breeds: None

Note: Blue spotted tabby Russians may not be used in pure blue, black & white Russian breeding programmes, but only for Blue Spotted Tabby breeding programmes. Blue Russians may be used to improve Spotted tabby type, but self-Blue Russian offspring from such spotted tabby parents may not be used in non-tabby Russian breeding programmes, but may be shown.

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