

Norwegian Forest Cat

A large, elegant, semi-longhaired cat, the most important features being type and coat quality. The breed originated as a working cat on Norwegian farms; the appearance of the Norwegian Forest Cat should reflect this natural heritage. The Norwegian Forest Cat matures slowly, and full development of the cat can take up to four years. A distinctive double coat is required. Coat colour is irrelevant. The cat should have an alert expression, in good condition and well presented.

HEAD	An equilateral triangle, with all sides of equal length when measured from the outer base of the ears to the chin, with a flat forehead and a gently rounded crown. Profile straight. The chin is firm and in line with the upper lip and nose leather. In profile, the chin is gently rounded and not too deep.
EARS	Large, wide at base, arched forward as if listening. Slightly rounded tips with lynx tufts give a pointed appearance. The outer lower edge of the ears should continue the line of the wedge to the chin. The width between the ears should not be less than the width of one ear at its base. Lynx tufts and ear furnishing are desirable.
EYES	Large and oval, well opened, set slightly obliquely. An alert expression. All colours acceptable, regardless of coat colour.
BODY	Robust and strongly built, long and muscular with solid bone structure; not cobby or delicate.
LEGS	Long powerful legs. Hind legs are longer than front legs.
PAWS	Large and round with tufts between the toes.
TAIL	Long and bushy; should reach at least to the shoulder blades, but preferable to the base of the neck. Guard hairs desirable.
COAT	Semi-long. A smooth water-repellent overcoat over a woolly undercoat. Glossy hair over the back and sides. A full coated cat has a full ruff, shirtfront and trousers.
EYE COLOUR	All colours allowed irrespective of coat colour.
COAT COLOUR	Excluding chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn and pointed patterns, all colours and patterns are acceptable, including any amount of white.

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

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	25
Ears	10
Eyes	5
Body and legs	20
Coat	25
Tail	5
Condition	5
Temperament	5
	100

FAULTS

- Cobby, small or finely built cats.
- Break (stop) in profile.
- Round or square head.
- Low set ears.
- Short tail (Not reaching the shoulder blades)
- Short legs.
- Square muzzle
- Whisker pinch.
- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Allowable Outcrosses: None

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