

KORAT

The Korat is rare even in its native Thailand. Because of its exceptionally strong attachment and affection towards its owner, along with its unusually fine disposition, the Thai people hold the Korat (Si Swat) in extremely high regard as a “good luck” cat. The general appearance is of an alert, expressive cat which is medium in size, muscular, with smooth curved lines and large, prominent, green luminous eyes.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(15) BODY – Medium in size with a strong muscular (semi-cobby), broad chested with good space between forelegs. Back is carried with a slight curve.

(5) LEGS & FEET – In proportioned with body. Oval feet.

(5) TAIL – Medium length, heavy at base, tapering to a round tip. (NOTE – A tail defect (kink) is not grounds for withholding awards).

II – HEAD TYPE (35)

(10) FULL FACE – Heart shaped with breadth between and across eyes. The eyebrow ridge forms the upper curves of the heart and the sides of the face gently curve down to the chin to complete the heart shape. Males may demonstrate a slight indentation in centre of forehead just above brow line which accentuates the heart shaped appearance.

(10) PROFILE – Slight stop between forehead which has a downward curve just above nose leather. Chin is strong and well developed making a balancing line for the profile and properly completing heart shape. Muzzle is neither squared nor pointed.

(5) EARS – Large with rounded tips. Flared at base. Sparsely furnished. Set high on head.

(5) EYES – Large, prominent, and luminous. Well rounded and oversized. May appear oriental shape when partly opened.

(5) EYE PLACEMENT – Placed well apart giving good breadth to head.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Short in length, glossy and fine, lying close to body. Coat over spine is inclined to break as the cat moves.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(20) BODY COLOUR – Silver blue with silver tipping giving an aura appearance. This appearance peaks at two to four years of age. Do not penalize for single white hairs. Paw pads – deep blue (lavender with pink tinge); nose leather – dark blue to lavender.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Brilliant green but an amber cast is acceptable. Allowance for kittens and adolescents who may have yellow-amber; adult eye colour not true until two years of age of more.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Firm, solid, muscular, alert, bright, well balanced and robust appearance.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Pinch or narrowness between eyes.	2-5
* Nose that is too long or short.	1-3
* Weak chin giving pointed look to face.	1-3
* Small or dull eyes.	1-3
* Tabby markings or shading after two years.	3-5
* Coat with silver tipping only	
* on head, legs and feet.	1-3

WITHHOLDS

- * Yellow-amber eye colour after two years of age.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Blue

BREED ORIGIN:	Established
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if cat proven to be from country of origin (by means of waybill or export certificate).
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No F1 if born after May 1, 1976
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Korat
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Korat

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GENERAL PREFACE

It is important to consult the individual breed standard for breed-specific disqualifications. The following list applies to all breeds unless otherwise indicated.

WITHHOLD AWARDS (W/A) FOR:

- More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw. Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this disqualification.
- White lockets, buttons, or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour or pattern, or unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
- Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
- Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (e.g., the presence of powder or chalk residue in the coat after normal grooming; the use of tints, colour rinses, or other artificial colouring concealment media; sanding or shaving).
- An entry, without provocation, attacks a judge or other person within the ring area, the entry shall be deemed vicious and disqualified (D.V. Disqualified, Vicious).
- Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as a rigid deflection of the tail line, whether visible or not. Small, invisible bumps or calcium deposits shall be considered a fault. Refer to individual breed standards for exceptions to this rule.
- Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
- Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- Maloccluded jaws.
- Monorchidism (the absence of one testicle) or cryptorchidism (the absence of both testicles) is grounds for withholding awards in the Championship (whole adult) or Miscellaneous (whole adult) classes.
- Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
- Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset a deficiency in another. Because the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their judging in accordance with these specifications.
- All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition, and balance for their breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together', and no single quality **should** be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by more than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
- Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
- If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
- An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
- Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
- An entry presented in the judging ring showing noticeable effects of a sedative (e.g., third eyelids visible, overly glassy eyes, inability to stand or sit, lack of coordination or muscle control) shall not receive an award. The judge will record N.F.A (No Further Award) in their judge's book.
- Any cat too nervous or intractable to handle by the judge or the owner / agent must be disqualified (D.U.H. – Disqualified, Unable to Handle).
- A judge may disqualify any entry whose owner / agent draws specific attention to himself or his entry when benching the cat in the judging ring or at any time during judging. Judges shall enter D.L.E. (Disqualified, Lack of Etiquette) in their books.
- When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
- Cats recovering from recent surgery (or injury) where the incision (or wound) has not completely healed, stitches removed, etc.; must be disqualified (N.F.A. – No Further Awards).

FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- A weak, receding, or protruding chin is considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile, and balance.
- Allowance should be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
- Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
- Allowance should be made for faint tabby markings in kittens and young cats, except when they are part of the normal colour pattern.
- Allowance should be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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