

LYKOI

The Lykoi is a natural mutation found in the feral domestic cat population. Interest in perpetuating the breed started in 2011. The name comes from an ancient Greek word that means wolf. Look straight into the Lykoi face you will see the appearance of the mythical werewolf due to its hairless mask, partial hairless body and unique Roan coat colour.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(10) **BODY** – Medium semi-foreign body with an impression of elegance. Level back.

(5) **MUSCULATURE** – Solid weight displaying muscular strength without excessive bulk

(1) **NECK** – Neither thin nor overly muscular. Medium length in balance with the body.

(5) **LEGS & FEET** – Legs and feet are sparsely coated. Medium boning and length of legs. Straight legs front and back. Feet are oval shaped. Toes appear elongated.

(4) **TAIL** – Medium thickness tapering to a point. The tail is shorter than the body.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(5) **SHAPE & PROPORTION** – Modified wedge with rounded contours from nose to cheeks to ears. Slightly longer than wide. Slightly rounded forehead.

(5) **PROFILE** – A concave curve from brow to bridge. No stop.

(10) **MUZZLE, CHIN, NOSE** – Muzzle is medium in length; hairless with rounded fleshy whisker pads; a definite whisker break. Well developed chin aligns vertically with the nose; rounded in appearance; neither projecting nor receding; partial hairless to hairless when viewed from the front. Nose is hairless and leathery to the touch, slightly rounded down at the end.

(5) **EARS** – The ears are large, pointed, open at the base, set high on the head, vertical and erect. Hairless to sparse hair on outer surface.

(5) **EYES** – Medium to large, walnut-shaped and expressive, set at a slight angle with the outside corner slightly higher than the inner corner. Hairless rims surrounds the eye.

III – MASK, COAT TEXTURE and LENGTH (30)

(15) **MASK** – The face reveals a very sparse to hairless mask connecting the muzzle, chin, nose, eyes and ears giving the classic werewolf face.

(15) **TEXTURE (DENSITY)** – Soft to the touch. Undercoat is minimal. Short to medium hair with sparse longer guard hairs covering the body and tail. Coat coverage depends on the cycle of the hair molt. Hair on legs and feet is sparse or completely lacking.

IV – COLOUR / ROANING (15)

Black Roan and Blue Roan are the only recognized colours.

White lockets, belly spots or buttons are allowed. Coloured hairs and amelanistic white hairs are intermixed throughout the coat, with each hair either coloured or white are entire length of the hair from root to tip. The accepted ratio of coloured hairs to white hairs is 30% to 70% with 50% being ideal.

Due to the limited gene pool, any cat naturally born to have the sparse hairless characteristics and roan colour of the Lykoi, can be used for BREEDING ONLY.

Refer to Breed Colour standard & General Preface for disqualifications & objections not listed here.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The appearance of an alert, healthy, firm, muscular cat is essential. The cat should be gentle & amenable to handling.

ALLOWANCES – Hairlessness varies from almost completely hairless to almost completely coated during phases of hair growth. Eyes may be smaller in proportion to head in kittens. Paw pads not consistent with colour. Pigmentation spots to full tanning can occur when exposed to sunlight.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Cobby body.	1-2
* Extremely long body.	1-2
* Nose with a stop.	1
* Oriental eye shape.	1
* Small ears.	2
* Incorrect ear set on head.	1
* More than sparse undercoat.	2
* Lack of sparse guard hairs.	2
* Long whippy tail.	1
* Blunt tail tip.	1
* Delicate bone structure.	1
* Bow-legged.	1-2

WITHHOLDS

- * Absence of hairless face mask
- * Visible tail kink.
- * No Roan (amelanistic white hair) in coat.
- * All grounds for withholding awards listed in the General Preface except #2 and #7.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Black Roan, Blue Roan.

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F2
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Lykoi, Black DSH, Blue DSH. Naturally born Domestic Shorthair of any colour / pattern with the Lykoi characteristics of sparse hairlessness and roan pattern (registered as Not For Show - NFS).
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AOV:	None.

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