

# 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. Invisible tail fault is allowed.

## 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 the 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 registered for BREEDING ONLY.

## 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 (white lockets/buttons allowed).

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Black Roan, Blue Roan.

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| 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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## 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:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw. Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this disqualification.
2. 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.
3. Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
4. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
5. 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).
5. 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).
6. 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.
7. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
8. Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
9. Maloccluded jaws.
10. 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.
11. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
9. If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
10. An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
12. 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.
13. 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).
14. 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.
15. When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
16. 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:

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

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