

SIBERIAN

POINTED SIBERIANS AND (TRADITIONAL) SIBERIANS ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.

The Siberian, Russia's native forest cat, first recorded appearance was around the year 1000. This is a cat with no extremes in type. Medium to medium large with surprising weight for its size. The overall appearance should be one of the strength, presence, and alertness, with a sweet facial expression. Size is secondary to type. The general impression is one of roundness and circles, rather than rectangles and triangles.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (33)

(10) BODY – The body is medium in length and well muscled. From the shoulders the back arches slightly. The torso is barrel shaped, with firm belly and solid weight.

(5) LEGS – Medium in length, substantial boning with the hind legs slightly longer than front legs.

(3) FEET – Big and rounded with toe tufts desirable.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and slightly shorter than the length of the body. Wide at the base, tapering slightly to a blunt tip.

(10) BONING – Substantial.

II – HEAD TYPE (45)

(15) FULL FACE – Medium to large modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion to the body. The head is broader at the top of the skull tapering slightly to a full rounded muzzle. Cheekbones are neither prominent or high. There is a slight doming between the ears and an almost flat area on the forehead.

(3) PROFILE – The top of the head is almost flat with a gentle convex curvature from the forehead to the nose blending into a slight concave curvature before the tip of the nose.

(5) EARS – Medium-large, rounded tips, wide at the base with a slight forward tilt. Ears are set as much on the side of the head as the top of the head. Hair on back of ears is short and thin. Ear furnishings from the middle of the ear become longer and cover the base of the ear. Ear tufts are allowed.

(5) EYES – Medium to large, almost round. The outer corner is angled slightly towards the base of the ear. Eyes to be more than one eye's width apart, open, alert, and expressive.

(4) CHIN – Well rounded but not protruding and is in line with the nose.

(10) MUZZLE – Moderately short in length, full and rounded. There is a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous.

(3) NECK – Rounded, sturdy, and well muscled.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

(5) TEXTURE – Varies from coarse to soft according to colour. There is a tight undercoat in mature cats.

(5) LENGTH – Medium-long to long with a TRIPLE coat. Hair on the shoulders and lower part of the chest should be thick and slightly shorter. An abundant full collar ruff in adults. Hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic. Tail is evenly and thickly furnished.

IV – COLOUR (5)

(3) COAT COLOUR – All colours/patterns and combinations are accepted with or without white. White buttons, spots and lockets are allowed. See Colour Description for more details. Strong colours desirable.

(2) COAT PATTERN – See Colour Description for more details. Clear patterns desirable.

(0) EYE COLOUR – NON-POINTED: Ranges from shades of green, gold, green-gold, or copper. White cats and cats with white may have blue or odd eyes. No relationship between eye colour and coat colour/pattern. POINTED: Must have blue eyes.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (7)

Powerful with good muscle development. Size is secondary to type. Allowance for coat and physical structure should be taken into consideration when judging kittens and young adults.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Straight profile	1-2
* Narrow or fox-like muzzle	1-10
* Long tail	1-5
* Delicate boning	1-10
* Lack of muscle tone	1-7
* Long body or under-weight adult	1-10
* Very long legs or very short legs	1-5
* Almond shaped eyes	1-5

WITHHOLDS

* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Siberian (pointed & traditional)
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Siberian (pointed & traditional)
