

# SPHYNX

The most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with substantial weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. The head shape is a modified wedge, with prominent cheekbones and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The body is warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to soft peach fuzz. The skin is wrinkled especially between the ears, around the muzzle and the shoulders (more wrinkled in kittens). The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, intelligent, and amenable to handling.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

**BODY** – The shape of the body is distinctive. The medium length body is hard, muscular with a broad, rounded chest and a full round abdomen. The rump is rounded and muscular. The back is slightly arched to the touch. The boning is medium.

**(5) NECK** – The neck is medium in length, rounded and well muscled with a slight arch extending from the shoulders to the base of the skull.

**(10) CHEST** – The chest is broad and may tend towards “barrel chested”.

**(10) ABDOMEN & RUMP** – The abdomen is thick, well rounded, but not fat. The rump is muscular and proportionate to the width of the shoulders.

**(5) LEGS & FEET** – The leg length is in proportion to the body but not fine-boned. The legs are firm and muscular to the feel. Females legs may be more slender than those of the males. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front. The forelegs are straight. The paws are oval with five toes in front and four behind. The toes are long and slender and the paw pads are thicker than in other breeds, giving the appearance of walking on air cushions.

**(5) TAIL** – The tail is whippy, tapering from body to tip. The tail length is to be in proportion to the body. A lion tail (puff of hair on tip) is acceptable.

## II – HEAD TYPE (35)

**HEAD** – The head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones and a distinct whisker break. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. The profile is gently curved from the tip of the nose to the brow. The eyes are large, rounded lemon in shape, slanting to the outer corner of the ear. There is slightly more than the width of an eye between the eyes. The ears are very large, broad at the base and open with no interior hair. They are upright, neither low set nor on the top of the head.

**(5) SIZE/SHAPE** – The head is medium size. The shape should be a modified wedge with rounded contours, being slightly longer than wide.

**(10) EARS** – The ears are large to very large, broad at the base with tapering lines to a rounded tip. The ears are set at a slight angle on the head, but are not flaring. Upright, neither low set nor on top of head. The interior is totally

hairless. Slight amount of hair is allowed on the lower outside edges and on the back of the ear.

**(5) MUZZLE/CHIN** – Distinct whisker break with prominent, rounded whisker pads. Strong, well developed chin.

**(5) PROFILE** – The profile has a gentle curve with a noticeable slight to moderate stop at the bridge of the nose.

**(5) CHEEKBONES** – Prominent, rounded cheekbones which defines the eyes and forms a curve above the whisker break.

**(5) EYES** – The eyes are large. They are in the shape of a rounded lemon with the pointed end of the lemon slanting to the outer corner of the ear. They are set wide apart.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (30)

The appearance of this cat is one of hairlessness. However, short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail and scrotum. The bridge of the nose should be coated. The remainder of the body has a covering of peach-like fuzz. This coat/skin texture creates the feeling of resistance when stroking the cat. Wrinkled skin is desirable around the muzzle, between the ears, and around the shoulders. The skin is wrinkled especially between the ears, around the muzzle and the shoulders (more wrinkled in kittens). There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.

## IV – COLOUR

All colours (including eye colour) and patterns accepted. White buttons or lockets are allowed.

## OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Excessive hair other than described	5-10
* Delicate or frail appearance.	5-10
* Thin abdomen or rump.	5-10
* Chest that is too narrow.	5-10
* Bowed front legs.	3-5
* Oriental head or body type.	5-10
* Excessive wrinkling of the face (resembles SharPei)	5 - 10

## WITHHOLDS

- \* Any indication of normal length hair or significant amounts of wavy hair.
- \* Kinked or abnormal tail.
- \* Structural abnormalities.
- \* Appearance of a bald Devon or Cornish Rex.
- \* Evidence of plucking, shaving, clipping or any other means of hair removal.
- \* Unable to handle.
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All colours or patterns in any combination are permitted.

NOTE: Exposure to sun may intensify colours dramatically. Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix.

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BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	Sphynx, American Shorthair, (domestic shorthair** allowable until December 31, 2015).
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 cannot be shown.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Sphynx, American Shorthair, (Domestic Shorthair** prior to December 31, 2015. Devon Rex and Cornish Rex prior to January 1, 1992)
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Sphynx, American Shorthair

\*\*A domestic shorthair is a cat that does not have a pedigreed cat in its lineage. Additionally, it may not have any noticeable features that could be specific to ANY other pedigreed cat breed which is not listed as an allowable mating (i.e., curled or folded ears, short legs, kinked tail, lack of tail or bob-tail, and any combination of these traits).

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**SOLID**

BLACK  
 BLUE  
 CHOCOLATE  
 CINNAMON  
 CREAM  
 FAWN  
 LILAC  
 RED  
 WHITE AQUA-EYED  
 WHITE BLUE-EYED  
 WHITE COPPER-EYED  
 WHITE GOLD-EYED  
 WHITE GREEN-EYED  
 WHITE ODD-EYED

**CLASSIC TABBY**

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY  
 BROWN CLASSIC TABBY  
 CHOCOLATE CLASSIC TABBY  
 CINNAMON CLASSIC TABBY  
 CREAM CLASSIC TABBY  
 FAWN CLASSIC TABBY  
 LILAC CLASSIC TABBY  
 RED CLASSIC TABBY

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 CHOCOLATE MACKEREL TABBY  
 CINNAMON MACKEREL TABBY  
 CREAM MACKEREL TABBY  
 FAWN MACKEREL TABBY  
 LILAC MACKEREL TABBY  
 RED MACKEREL TABBY

**SPOTTED TABBY**

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## TORTOISESHELL

BLUE-CREAM

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL

FAWN TORTOISESHELL

LILAC-CREAM

TORTOISESHELL

## WITH WHITE COMBINATIONS

### Bi-Colour Combinations:

All established colours and patterns **with the addition of white** (preferred minimum the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle—ideally an inverted ‘V’). Solids, Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells.

All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

### Calico Combinations:

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Calico pattern (a tri-colour cat with un-brindled medium to large patches of DENSE colour and red, or DILUTE colour and cream on a white background). Calico, Dilute Calico, Tabby Patterned Calico. All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

### Van Combinations:

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Van pattern (face and body predominantly white with colour restricted to the head and tail. One or two small spots of colour on the body are allowed): Solids, Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, and all Calico patterns. All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

## SEPIA and MINK

Sepia and Mink colours are recognized in all established colours and patterns (except Pointed); including with white (bi-colour, calico, van).

**Sepia** eye colour is gold or greenish-gold, and odd-eyed (one blue eye and one gold or greenish-gold eye). Sepia coat colour is paler and warmer than the equivalent of traditional colour. The coat colour darkens with age. A slight intensification of colour at the ears, tail, feet and face is noticeable especially in kittens.

**Mink** eye colour is blue-green to aqua, and odd-eyed (one blue eye and one blue-green / aqua eye). Mink coat colour is much lighter than the corresponding sepia colours and develops more intense colour at the ears, tail, feet and face; than on the body.

Sepia and Mink are recognized in: Solids (except black\* and white), Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, All established colours and patterns with the addition of white: Bi-Colours, Calicos, and Vans.

*\*The Sepia and Mink equivalent of Black is SEAL.*

## SOLID POINT

BLUE POINT

CHOCOLATE POINT

CINNAMON POINT

CREAM POINT

FAWN POINT

LILAC POINT

RED POINT

SEAL POINT

## LYNX POINT

BLUE LYNX POINT

CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT

CINNAMON LYNX POINT

CREAM LYNX POINT

FAWN LYNX POINT

LILAC LYNX POINT

RED LYNX POINT

SEAL LYNX POINT

## TORTIE POINT

BLUE CREAM POINT

CHOCOLATE TORTIE POINT

CINNAMON TORTIE POINT

FAWN TORTIE POINT

LILAC CREAM POINT

SEAL TORTIE POINT

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**TORTIE LYNX POINT**

BLUE CREAM LYNX POINT

CHOCOLATE TORTIE LYNX POINT

CINNAMON TORTIE LYNX POINT

FAWN TORTIE LYNX POINT

LILAC CREAM LYNX POINT

SEAL TORTIE LYNX POINT

**POINTED BI-COLOUR**

BLUE POINT &amp; WHITE

CHOCOLATE POINT &amp; WHITE

CINNAMON POINT &amp; WHITE

CREAM POINT &amp; WHITE

FAWN POINT &amp; WHITE

LILAC POINT &amp; WHITE

RED POINT &amp; WHITE

SEAL POINT &amp; WHITE

All established POINT colours and patterns with the addition of white for Solid Points, Lynx Points, Tortie Points, Tortie Lynx Points, Eye colour for the Pointed Bi-colour patterns is BLUE.

**POINTED VAN**

BLUE POINT VAN

CHOCOLATE POINT VAN

CINNAMON POINT VAN

CREAM POINT VAN

FAWN POINT VAN

LILAC POINT VAN

RED POINT VAN

SEAL POINT VAN

All established POINT colours and patterns distributed as described for the Pointed Van pattern (face and body predominantly white with colour restricted to the head, tail and legs. One or two small spots of colour or body shading are allowed. There must be white on the face; 1/3 of the mask preferred): Solid Points, Lynx Points, Tortie Points, Tortie Lynx Points. Eye colour for the Pointed Van patterns is BLUE.