

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

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.

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

MACKEREL TABBY

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

SPOTTED TABBY

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

CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
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 CHOCOLATE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 CINNAMON CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 FAWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 LILAC CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 CHOCOLATE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 CINNAMON MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 FAWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
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SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

BLUE SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY
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 FAWN SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY
 LILAC SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

TORTOISESHELL

BLUE-CREAM
 CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL
 CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL
 FAWN-CREAM
 LILAC-CREAM

CONTINUED...

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 including with white (bi-colour, calico, van) except Pointed or Pointed with white.

Sepia eye colour is gold or greenish-gold, and odd-eyed (one blue eye and one gold or greenish-gold eye). Sepia skin colour is paler and warmer than the equivalent of traditional colour. A slight intensification of colour on 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 skin colour is much lighter than the corresponding sepia colours and develops more intense colour on the ears, tail, feet and face; than on the body.

Sepia and Mink are recognized in:

Solids, Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells. All established colours and patterns with the addition of white (bi-colour, calico, van) except Pointed or Pointed with white.

Note: *white, black*, black* based — tabby, patched tabby, tortoiseshell are NOT recognized as sepia or mink.*

**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

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

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POINTED BI-COLOUR

BLUE POINT & WHITE

CHOCOLATE POINT & WHITE

CINNAMON POINT & WHITE

CREAM POINT & WHITE

FAWN POINT & WHITE

LILAC POINT & WHITE

RED POINT & WHITE

SEAL POINT & 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.

GENERAL PREFACE

The following shall apply to all breeds or as indicated:

WITHHOLD AWARDS 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 rule). Splayed toes are an objection.
 2. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
 3. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital or acquired.
 4. Entries which do not meet correct markings as stated. Entries must be properly and distinctly marked in accordance with the standard for all cats of the tabby variety.
 5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (i.e., the presence of powder, or chalk remaining in the coat after normal grooming, the use of tints, colour rinses or other artificial colouring concealment media, sanding or shaving, or knowledge of cosmetic surgery).
 6. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All domestic breeds of cats covered in the standards are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally.
 7. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Small, invisible bumps shall be considered a fault.
 8. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified).
 9. Crossed eyes in any breed.
 10. Maloccluded jaws.
 11. Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles) are grounds for withholding awards.
 12. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. A 'blaze' — two colours on the face divided down the nose— is desirable (all other factors being equal) on the numerous tortoiseshell-like colours and patterns (i.e., tortoiseshell, lilac-cream, champagne-tortie, seal tortie point, etc.)
 7. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
 8. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. Inasmuch as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
 9. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition and balance for its respective breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together' and any one particular quality must not be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by a greater amount than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
 10. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
 11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.

KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. weak, receding, or protruding chin is to be considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile and balance.
2. Allowance is to 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 is to be made for faint tabby markings, except where part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance is to be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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