

# RUSSIAN BLUE

The truest criteria distinguishing the Russian Blue from all other breeds is its soft, lustrous, bright blue, double coat. Gentle, refined and shy, it is playful in manner. Its voice, if any, is soft and sweet. It is slow in maturing and allowances to be made when judging eye colour and coat density in adolescent.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (15)

(5) BODY – Fine boned, long firm and muscular; lithe and graceful in outline and carriage without being tubular in appearance. Heavier in repose due to a supple skin and thick coat.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Long and fine-boned with small, neat and well rounded feet.

(5) TAIL – Long and in proportion to body. Thick at base and tapering.

## II – HEAD TYPE (25)

(10) FULL FACE – Medium wedge. Muzzle is blunt and forms part of total wedge without exaggerated pinch or whisker break. Face is broad across eyes due to wide eye set and thick fur at side of head.

(5) PROFILE – Top of skull flat and long, gently descending to slightly below eyes and continuing at a downward angle in a straight line to tip of nose. No nose break or stop. High forehead.

(5) EARS – Rather large and wide at base. Tips are more pointed than rounded. Skin on ears is thin and translucent with little inside furnishings. Outside of ear scantily covered with short, very fine hair, with leather showing through. Set far apart as much on the side of the head as on the top of head.

(5) EYE SHAPE & SET – Almost round but oval enough to show slight oriental slant. Set at least 1 1/2 eye widths apart.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (25)

Double coat. Short, dense, fine and plush-like. It stands out from body due to thick undercoat (this may be felt best by stroking the head).

## IV – COLOUR (30)

(20) COAT COLOUR – Even bright blue throughout. Lighter shades preferred. Guard hairs distinctly silver-tipped giving a silvery sheen or lustrous appearance. Nose leather slate grey. Paw pads lavender pink or mauve.

(10) EYE COLOUR – Emerald green. Deep, even and brilliant. Kittens and adolescents have yellow eyes but by age of four months a green ring must be around each pupil.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Alert. Musculature to be firm and well toned. Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size.

### OBJECTIONS

#### DEDUCT

- \* Exaggerated pinch or whisker break. 1-3
- \* Nose break or stop. 1-3
- \* Dull eyes. 1-3
- \* Lustreless coat. 1-3

### WITHHOLDS

- \* Lack of green eyes at two years of age.
- \* Nose break or stop.
- \* Lack of undercoat.
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Blue

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BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed.
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Russian Blue
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Russian Blue

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