

KORAT (KT)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	6
Ears	5
Eyes ..	15
Chin	2
Muzzle	2
Nose	4
Profile	4
Neck	2

BODY	30 points
Torso	12
Legs	3
Feet	1
Tail	3
Boning	3
Musculature	8

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	30 points
Length	5
Texture	5
Color	20

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid.

COLOR: Blue ONLY.

HEAD:

Shape: Heart-shaped. Smooth, curved lines. Broad. Face is heart-shaped with smooth curved lines. The brow ridges form the upper curve of the facial heart. The forehead is large and flat. An indentation or crease, predominantly in males, accentuates the heart shape, giving the ideal head the appearance of a double heart, or a heart within a heart.

Ears: Large with rounded tip, large flare at base. Set high on head with the outer ear flare in line with the outer contour of the head. Alert. Sparse furnishings inside; outside extremely short and close.

Eyes: Oversized for face. Fully rounded when open with an Asian slant when partially or fully closed, with breadth between and across the eyes. Alert. Expressive. Luminous green color preferred, amber cast acceptable. Kittens and adolescents have yellow or amber to amber-green eyes. Color is not usually true until maturity (2-4 years).

Chin and Jaw: Strong. Well-developed. Allowance for jowls in males.

Muzzle: Properly completing the heart shape. Neither overly squared no sharply pointed.

Nose: Length in proportion to head. Lion-like downward curve just above the leather.

Profile: Well-defined. Slight stop between forehead and nose.

Neck: Medium in length, strong. Conforming to size of cat.

BODY:

Torso: Semi-cobby. Medium-sized. Females are smaller and may appear daintier. All smooth, curved lines. Distance along back from nape of neck to base of tail appears equal to distance from base of tail to floor. Broad-chested with good space between forelegs. Back is carried in a curve.

Musculature: Well-muscled, powerful, with a feeling of hard-coiled spring power and unexpected weight.

Boning: Medium, strong.

Legs: Length in proportion to body. Front legs slightly shorter than back legs.

Feet: Oval-shaped. Five toes front; four back.

Tail: Heavier at base, tapering to a rounded tip. Medium in length.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Short to medium. Single coat lying close to the body. The coat over the spine is inclined to break as the cat moves.

Texture: Fine. Glossy, satiny.

Color: Blue, silver-tipped all over; each hair is lighter at the roots, shading to darker with a silver tip, giving a frosty or silver sheen or halo effect over the entire cat, intensified where the hair is the shortest. Paw pads: dark blue ranging to lavender with a pinkish cast. Nose and lip leather is dark blue or lavender.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Korat is an imported, natural breed. Outcross with any other breed is not accepted. Rare, even in its native Thailand where paintings establish its existence as early as 1350. It is greatly cherished by the Thai people who regard it as a "good luck" cat. It is renowned for its affection and loyalty to its owners. Its general appearance is of a silver blue cat with a silver sheen, medium-sized, broad-chested, hard-bodied, powerful, and muscular. All smooth curves with large, wide open, luminous green eyes. The Korat is silver blue from birth to death. It can exist in no other color as a Korat. The Korat reaches maturity between 2 and 4 years of age. The breed enjoys considerable longevity, with many living beyond 20 years. Perfect physical condition and balance is typical, and expected, of the breed. The male is usually larger than the female and must look powerful and fit.

ALLOWANCES: Kittens and adolescents may have shading or tabby markings as well as amber or amber-green eye color.

PENALIZE: Small or dull looking eyes. Pinch or narrowness in the head, particularly between and across the eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Any color but blue. White spots, white toes, white locket. Tail Kink (visible or invisible).

All Korats, including kittens and alters must be registered in TICA prior to entry in shows.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.