

# PETERBALD (PD)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	340 points
Shape .....	8
Ears .....	10
Eyes ..	4
Profile .....	4
Neck .....	2
Chin .....	2
Wrinkles .....	10

<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	10
Legs and Feet .....	5
Tail .....	5
Musculature .....	8
Boning .....	6
Wrinkles .....	6

<b>COAT/COLOR</b> .....	20 points
Coat (Lack of) .....	10
Color .....	10

**CATEGORIES:** All.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Long equilateral triangle

Ears: Extra large, oversized, pointed, and broad at the base. Set lower than the line of the wedge.

Eyes: Medium in size. Oval.

Profile: Almost straight profile, with slightly noticeable angle from forehead to nose. Two-planed is preferred; straight is allowed.

Neck: Long and slender.

Chin: Strong, tip of nose in line with tip of chin.

Neck: Long and slender. Thicker, heavier muscle is allowed in males.

Wrinkles: Forehead has several vertical lines or wrinkles which diverge nearly at right angles before the ears.

## **BODY:**

Torso: Small to medium sized, long, cylindrical oriental body type.

Legs: Long, fine to medium boned, with firm musculature.

Feet: Oval, medium in size with long, agile, prominent toes.

Tail: Long, straight, strong and whippy.

Musculature: Firm.

Boning: Fine to medium.

Wrinkles: Found at the base of the neck, base of tail, top of legs, down sides of body to underbelly.

## **COAT/COLOR:**

Hairlessness: Usually appears hairless. Can be covered with fine short down over the entire body which may or may not disappear with age; down may be retained on pointed areas only and body becomes hairless; or all coat may be lost and cat can become completely hairless. In some cats, patterns at birth are lost when coat is lost. In others, the pattern appears to be on the skin and remains visible after the coat is lost. Whiskers and eyebrows, if they exist, will be wavy and may be broken. Brush coated (can be a full dense coat with short, curly hairs or sparsely scattered short, curly hairs over the entire body) cats are allowed for show up to 2 years of age, but not preferred.

Texture: Chamois-like on hairless cats. The skin is soft and supple and should not feel oily to the touch. Cats with a true brush coat do not lose their coat. Coat consists of very short, dense, curly hairs. Some cats born with brush type coats may eventually lose most or all of the curly hairs. With this cat, down is usually retained over the entire body.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Peterbalds are graceful, intelligent cats of oriental type which **appear** to be hairless. Wrinkles over most of the body are one of the distinguishing features of Peterbalds. Two types of coat texture are found in these cats. Cats with non-brush coats usually lose their coats with age, but may retain fine short down coat on their body and/or on the extremities. Cats with brush-like coats may also lose their coats with age and/or retain a few hairs on the body and on the extremities. Cats may be born with or without coat. For those born with coat and who become hairless, loss of coat begins at the nape of the neck and continues down the body and on to the tail. If coat is retained on the extremities by non-brush coated cats, it has a very soft down-like feel. If coat is retained by brush coated cats, the hair on the extremities is short and curly. In both coat types, retained coat is usually found on the muzzle, at the base of the ears, on the legs and feet, and sparse hairs may be found on the tail. Peterbalds originated in Russia in January, 1994. They were originally produced by mating Oriental Shorthairs or Siamese cats with Don Hairless (Don Sphynx) males to produce a smaller, more refined type of hairless cat.

**ALLOWANCES:** Light or thin coat in adult cats up to two years of age. Males are larger than females and should not be penalized as long as the cat is in balance. Locketts are permitted.

**PENALIZE:** Heavy, rounded body; undershot chin; bowed forelegs; ears on top of the head; significant amounts of hair on animals over two years; oily skin.

**DISQUALIFY:** Evidence of illness, poor health; protruding sternums; longhaired cats.



*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.*