

RUSSIAN BLUE (RB)

HEAD	33 points
Shape	15
Ears	5
Eyes ..	10
Neck	3

BODY	27 points
Torso	15
Tail	5
Legs	5
Feet	2

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	40 points
Color	20
Texture	20

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid.

COLOR: Blue ONLY.

HEAD:

Shape: Modified Wedge with seven flat planes. The seven flat planes are: A vertical line from the tip of the nose to the bottom of the chin. The profile from the tip of the nose to the forehead. The flat top head from the front of the forehead back. Two planes in the muzzle (one on each side). Two planes formed by the high, wide cheekbones (one on each side).

Profile: Straight nose and flat forehead forming two planes.

Muzzle: Medium length.

Muzzle Break: None.

Skull: Top flat and narrow; forehead high.

Chin: Flat vertical plane from tip of nose to bottom of chin.

Ears: Almost as wide at base as tall; appear pointed; slightly rounded tips. Rather large, set far apart, as much on the side as top of head. The outside covered with short, fine hair

and furnishings cover approximately ½ inside ear.

Eyes: Rather large, almost round, just oval enough to show oriental slant. Set far apart. Color is green in adults, with kittens changing from yellow to green.

Neck: Long, (but may appear shorter due to dense fur) and slender.

BODY:

Torso: Foreign.

Size: Males proportionally larger than females.

Length: Long.

Boning: Fine. Note: Cat will appear to be chunkier due to density of coat. Fine bones do not mean a small cat.

Musculature: Lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.

Legs: Long, fine-boned, firm and lithe.

Feet: Well-rounded, small, appears to stand and walk on tiptoe.

Tail: Long, straight, tapering from a rather thick base to slender tip.

COAT TEXTURE:

Length: Short.

Texture: Fine, soft, silky.

Density: Dense, plush double coat.

COLOR: Even bright blue throughout. Deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Guard hairs tipped with silver, with the deeper tipping preferred. This silver tipping is not due to the action of the Inhibitor (silver) gene. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Russian Blue is a distinctively elegant cat of foreign body type with an angular, modified wedge-shaped head consisting of seven flat planes. The slightly upturned corners of the mouth give a sweet smiling facial expression. Its most outstanding characteristic is its double coat: Short, silky and upstanding. Of a medium blue color with silver tipping of the guard hairs, the coat reflects light, giving a silvery sheen to the fur. Silver-tipped guard hairs should contrast against solid blue ground color when the hair is stroked against the grain. The coat is an even bright blue throughout, with deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens. The nose leather is charcoal gray; paw pads rose flesh pink. The eyes are as vividly green as possible at maturity. Russian Blue kitten eyes change rapidly through yellow to green. By 4 months, a green ring should appear around the pupil. Cats whose eyes are not completely vivid green should be penalized, the amount determined by the quantity and vividness of green as well as by the age of the cat. No green in eyes—full penalty. Russian Blues are gentle and shy, with soft, sweet voices.

PENALIZE: Weak chin, eye color not completely green. Full penalty for eyes with no green.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Any white spots or lockets.



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.