

SIBERIAN (SB)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	12
Ears	5
Eyes	5
Chin	3
Muzzle	10
Profile	3
Neck	2
BODY	35 points
Torso	10
Legs	5
Feet	3
Tail	5
Boning	6
Musculature	6
COAT/COLOR	15 points
Length	5
Texture	5
Pattern	3
Color	2
OTHER	10 points
Balance	5
Condition	3
Temperament	2

CATEGORY: Traditional and Pointed.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

HEAD:

Shape: Modified wedge of medium/large size with rounded contours, in good proportion to the body. The head is broader at the top of the skull and narrows slightly to a full-rounded muzzle. The cheekbones are neither high set nor prominent.

Ears: Medium-large, rounded, and tilt slightly forward. The ears should be set as much on the sides of the head as on top. Ideal position is one to one-ear width apart. The hair over the back of the ear is short and thin. From the middle of the ear, the furnishings become longer and cover the base of the ear. Lynx tipping allowable.

Eyes: Large, almost round, with the outer corner angled slightly towards the base of the ear. The eyes should be set more than one eye's width apart. There is no relationship between eye color and coat color/pattern.

Chin: The chin is well-rounded but not protruding, and is in line with the nose.

Muzzle: The muzzle is short in length, full and rounded. There is a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous.

Profile: The top of the head is almost flat, with a slight nose curvature of a gentle slope from the forehead to the nose and a slight concave curvature before the tip when viewed in profile.

Neck: Rounded, substantial and well-muscled.

BODY:

Torso: The body is medium in length, and well-muscled with the back arched slightly higher than the shoulders, with a barrel-shaped, firm belly giving the sensation of solid weight (which appears with age).

Legs: Medium in length. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front, and should have substantial boning.

Feet: The feet are big and rounded, with toe tufts desirable.

Tail: The tail is medium in length, wide at the base, tapering slightly to a blunt tip. The tail should be somewhat shorter than the length of the body.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial, powerful.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: This is a moderately long to longhaired cat with a triple coat. The hair on the shoulder blades and lower part of the chest being thick and slightly shorter. There should be an abundant ruff setting off the head. There is a tight undercoat (in mature cats), thicker in cold weather. Allow for warm weather coats.

Texture: Varies coarse to soft, varying according to color.

Pattern: Clear patterns are desirable, but secondary to type.

Color: All traditional and pointed colors and combinations are accepted with or without white. White or off-white allowed on chin, breast and stomach of tabbies; white allowed in most areas. Buttons, spots and lockets are allowed. Strong colors are desirable, but secondary to type.

OTHER:

Balance: Well-proportioned.

Condition: Excellent health in good overall condition.

Temperament: Must be unchal-
lenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Siberian is a medium-large cat with the overall appearance of excellent physical condition, strength and power, modified by a sweet facial expression. The general impression of the body is one of circles and roundness. Siberians are slow to mature, taking as long as 5 years to reach full maturity. Females are considerably smaller than males, and allowances should be made when comparing females and young cats to the standard. Size is secondary to type.

COAT LENGTH: This is a moderately long to longhaired cat with a triple coat. The hair on the shoulder blades and lower part of the chest are thick and slightly shorter. Allow for warm weather coats. The

hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic. Clear strong colors and patterns are desirable, but secondary to type.

ALLOWANCES: Because the Siberian is a slow maturing breed, coat and physical structure should be taken into consideration when judging kittens and young adults. Buttons, spots, and lockets.

PENALIZE: Straight profile, narrow muzzle, long tail, delicate boning, non-muscular, long body, almond-shaped eyes, very long legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Evidence of illness, poor health, emaciation, visible tail fault.



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.