

# **BREED PERSIAN/ HIMALAYAN**

**GENERAL** The Persian should present an impression of a heavily boned, well-balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The Persian has a long coat, flowing all over the body with a dense undercoat giving the coat full volume. The ruff should be immense. The Himalayan is a man-made hybrid breed identical to the Persian, but distinguished by the points on the cats' extremities (the facial mask, feet, ears, and tail) which results in a Persian-type cat with the coloring and deep blue eyes of the Siamese-patterned cat.

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	Round, broad, smooth domed, with great breadth. Should be medium to large in size and in proportion to body. Jaws broad and powerful with perfect tooth occlusion. Cheeks should be full and prominent. Overall sweet expression.
	<b>EYES</b>	Large, round, and full. Set level and far apart giving a sweet expression to the face, eye color has equal importance to size and shape. Deep brilliant eye color preferred which conforms to coat color.
	<b>EARS</b>	Small and round tipped, not unduly open base. Set wide apart, fitting into contour of head.
	<b>PROFILE</b>	Short, snub-nose, definite break directly between eyes. Forehead, nose and chin in straight line.
	<b>CHIN</b>	Strong, full, well-developed, and firmly rounded, fitting into the face.
	<b>NOSE</b>	Short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the eyes.
	<b>NECK</b>	Short, thick, and well- muscled.
<b>BODY</b>	<b>TORSO</b>	Cobby, firm, well-rounded mid section, in proportion. Medium to large in size. Back short and level. The chest is to be deep; equally massive across the shoulders and rump with a short, well-rounded abdomen and ribs.

**LEGS AND FEET** The legs are short, thick, and strong, well-developed and with firm musculature. Forelegs straight. Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind. And the feet should be large, round, and firm. Toes carried close, five in front and four behind.

**TAIL** Short and straight. proportion to body length. Carried without a curve and at an angle lower than the back.

**MUSCULATURE** Firm and well- developed, not overly fat.

**COAT  
COLOR  
PATTERN**

**LENGTH/ TEXTURE** Long all over the body. Full of life. Dense undercoat giving the coat full volume. Ruff should be immense. Seasonal variations in coat shall be recognized.

**COLOR/ PATTERN** **PS:** The pointed patterns are not recognized. The description of colours is listed in the general list of colors.  
**HI:** Siamese Pointed pattern ONLY. Clear color of body is preferred with subtle shading allowed. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats but there must be a definite contrast between body color and point color. The points, consisting of ears, legs, feet, tail, and mask show the basic color of the cat. The ideal mask extends from above the eyes down through the chin and stretches beyond the eyes from side to side.

**PENALIZE**

Long or narrow head.  
Long Roman nose, too small nose, difficulties in breathing.  
Thin muzzle.  
Mild overshot or undershot jaw, misaligned bite.  
Missing canine teeth in whole adult cats.  
Ears that are large, pointed, slanting out from the head or set too close together.  
A narrow chest, or long back.  
Poor muscle tone.  
Poor coat condition.  
Small or close-set eyes.

**DISQUALIFY**

Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters.  
Any apparent deformity of the spine.  
Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head.

**HI:** Colourpoints with white spots or white toes  
Any other eye colour than blue.

**SCORE**

**Head**  
35 points

Shape 8  
Ears 5  
Eyes 7  
Chin 3  
Nose 5  
Neck 2  
Profile 5

**Body**  
30 points

Torso 10  
Legs and feet 5  
Tail 5  
Boning Musculature 10

**Coat/Color/Pattern**  
25 points

Length/ Texture 15  
Color/ Pattern 10

**Others**  
10 points

Condition 3  
Grooming 2  
Balance 2  
Temperament 3

**OUTCROSS**

None