

## **BREED   RUSSIAN BLUE**

**GENERAL**   The Russian Blue is a distinctively elegant cat of foreign bodytype with an angular, modified wedge-shaped head consisting of seven flat planes. 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. Russian Blues are gentle and shy, with soft, sweet voices.

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	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). Length of top-head should be greater than length of nose. The face is broad across the eyes due to wide eye-set and thick fur.
	<b>EYES</b>	Rather large, aperture rounded in shape, just oval enough to show oriental slant. Set wide apart. Color is green in adults, with kittens changing from yellow to green.
	<b>EARS</b>	Rather large and wide at the base. Tips more pointed than rounded. The skin of the ears is thin and translucent, with little inside furnishings cover approximately 1/2 inside ear. The outside of the ear is scantily covered with short, very fine hair, with leather showing through. Set far apart, as much on the side as on the top of the head.
	<b>PROFILE</b>	Straight nose and flat forehead forming two planes.
	<b>MUZZLE/ CHIN</b>	The muzzle is medium length, smooth, flowing wedge without prominent whisker pads or whisker pinches. The chin should be perpendicular with the end of the nose and with level under-chin. Neither receding nor excessively massive.
	<b>NECK</b>	Long and slender, but appearing short due to thick fur and high placement of shoulder blades.

<b>BODY</b>	<b>TORSO</b>	Foreign bodytype, long, males proportionally larger than females. Lithe and graceful in outline and carriage without being tubular in appearance.
	<b>LEGS AND FEET</b>	The legs should be long, fine-boned, firm and lithe. The feet should be slightly rounded, small, appears to stand and walk on tiptoe
	<b>TAIL</b>	Straight, long, but in proportion to the body. Tapering from a rather thick base to slender tip, ends in a slightly rounded tip.
	<b>MUSCULATURE</b>	Lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.
	<b>TEXTURE</b>	Fine, soft, silky.
	<b>DENSITY</b>	Dense, the coat is double (undercoat and top coat of equal length) and therefore appears to be very dense.
<b>COAT COLOR PATTERN</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	Short
	<b>COLOR</b>	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. Nose leather: slate grey. Paw pads: lavender pink or mauve. Eye color: vivid green.
	<b>COLOR VARIETIES</b>	Blue ONLY. Pure, even blue, with a distinct silver sheen (the tips of the hairs have a silver tipping). A medium blue colour is preferred.
	<b>PENALIZE</b>	Weak chin. Too deep set or protruding eyes. Any tendency to squint. Eye color not completely green.

**DISQUALIFY**

Eyes with no green.  
Kinked or abnormal tail.  
Locket or button.  
Incorrect number of toes.  
Any color other than blue.  
Long, close lying coat.

**SCORE**

**Head**  
40 points

Shape 10  
Ears 8  
Eyes 8  
Chin 4  
Muzzle 5  
Profile 5

**Body**  
30 points

Torso 10  
Legs and feet 5  
Tail 6  
Boning 3  
Musculature 6

**Coat/Color/Pattern**  
20 points

Texture 8  
Length 5  
Color 7

**Others**  
10 points

Condition 3  
Grooming 2  
Balance 2  
Temperament 3

**OUTCROSS**

None

