

BREED SPHYNX

GENERAL The Sphynx appears to be a hairless cat, although it is not truly hairless. The skin should have the texture of chamois. It may be covered with very fine down which is almost imperceptible to both the eye and the touch. On the ears, muzzle, tail, feet and scrotum, short, soft, fine hair is allowed. Lack of coat makes the cat quite warm to the touch. Whiskers and eyebrows may be present, either whole or broken, or may be totally absent. The cat should not be small or dainty. Males may be up to 25 percent larger so long as proper proportions are maintained. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, intelligent and above all amenable to handling.

HEAD	SHAPE	The head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones, a distinctive whisker break and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears.
	EYES	Large, lemon-shaped, with wide-open center while coming to a definite point on each side. Placement should be at a slight upward angle, aligning with the outer base of the ear. Eyes to be set wide apart with the distance between the eyes being a minimum of one eye width. As no points are assigned to eye color, all eye colors are accepted and should be harmonious with coat/skin color.
	EARS	Large to very large. Broad at the base, open and upright. When viewed from the front, the outer base of the ear should begin at the level of the eye, neither low set nor on top of the head. The interior is totally hairless. Slight amount of hair allowed on lower outside edges and on the back of the ear.
	PROFILE	Slight to moderate stop at bridge of nose.
	NECK	Head should blend in to a short and solid neck.
	NOSE	The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.
	MUZZLE & CHIN	Strong rounded muzzle, whisker break with prominent whisker pads. And the chin should be strong, well developed, forming perpendicular line with upper lip.

BODY**TORSO**

Body is medium length, muscular with broad,The chest is broad, may tend toward barrel chested. The abdomen is wellrounded,having the appearance ofhaving eaten a large meal, but not fat.

LEGS

Legs are medium in proportion to the body with medium boning and firmmusculature. Hind legs slightly longer than front. Front legs widely set. Females may have slightly finer boning.

FEET

Medium in size, oval shape with long, slender with well-knuckled toes. Five in front and four behind. The paw pads are thick, giving the appearance of walking on cushions.

TAIL

Whippy, slender, flexible, and long while maintaining proportion to body length. Tapering from body to tip (rat-tailed). Length is in proportion to body. A lion tail (puff of hair on tip) acceptable.

BONING

Medium.

MUSCULATURE

Hard and muscular, not delicate.

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN****TEXTURE**

Like a warm chamois. This coat/skin texture creates a feeling of resistance when stroking the cat. Many wrinkled skin is desirable, particularly around the muzzle, between the ears, and around the shoulders. But around the eyes, although wrinkling should not be so pronounced that it affects the cat's normal functions. There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.

LENGTH

Appears hairless. Short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail, and the scrotum. The bridge of the nose should be normally coated. The remainder of the body can range from completely hairless to a covering of soft peach-like fuzz whose length does not interfere with the appearance of hairlessness.

COLOR VARIETIES

All traditional and pointed colors accepted. All patterns accepted. The description of colors is listed in the general list of colors.

PENALIZE

Body that is too thin, frail-appearing or delicate or fine-boned.
Bowed frontlegs.
Lack of wrinkles on the head.
Straight profile, narrow head.
Non-amenable disposition.
Significant amounts of hair above the ankle.
Should not resemble the Devon Rex, Cornish Rex or Oriental body type.

DISQUALIFY

Any evidence of depilating, plucking, shaving or clipping or any other means of hair removal.
Kinked or abnormal tail.
Structural abnormalities.
Aggressive behavior endangering the judge.

SCORE

Head
35 points

Shape 10
Ears 8
Eyes 5
Muzzle 3
Chin 2
Profile 5
Neck 2

Body
30 points

Torso 15
Legs and Feet 6
Tail 5
Boning 2
Musculature 2

Coat/Color/Pattern
25 points

Coat/ Skin 20
Color 5

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

American Shorthair, Devon Rex.

