

BREED NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

GENERAL The Norwegian Forest Cat is a sturdy cat with a distinguishing double coat and easily recognizable body shape. It is a slow maturing breed, attaining full growth at approximately five years of age.

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| HEAD | SHAPE | Equilateral triangle, where all sides are of equal length as measured from the outside of the base of the ear to the point of the chin. The neck is heavily muscled. |
| | EYES | Large, almond shaped, set obliquely, well-opened and expressive. Alert expression. All eye colors permitted, regardless of coat color. |
| | EARS | Large, wide at the base, arched forward as if listening, slightly rounded tips that appear pointed when lynx tips are present. Lynx tips and furnishings that extend beyond the outer edge of each ear are desirable. Set as much on the side of the head as on top of the head, alert, with the cup of the ear pointing a bit sideways. The outsides of the ears follow the lines from the side of the head down to the chin. |
| | PROFILE | Long, straight profile from tip of nose to brow ridge without break in line, i.e., no stop. |
| | MUZZLE/CHIN | The muzzle should be following the line of the triangular head, with no evidence of pinch or pronounced whisker pads. The chin is firm and should be in line with the front of the nose. |
| | BODY | TORSO |
| LEGS AND FEET | | The Legs are strong and muscular. In proportion to the body length, with hind legs higher than fore legs. And the feet should be large, round, well-tufted. |
| TAIL | | Long and bushy. Should be at least as long as the body. |
| MUSCULATURE | | Strongly built and sturdy. |

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN**

TEXTURE

Distinguishing double coat, consisting of a dense undercoat, covered by long, glossy and smooth water-resistant guard hairs hanging down the sides. The bib consists of three separate sections: short collar at neck, side mutton chops, and frontal ruff. Britches are full on the hind legs. The coat may be fuller in the winter than the summer because the dense undercoat has its full development in the winter.

LENGTH

Semi-long.

COLOR/ PATTERN

Any amount of white is allowed anywhere on the cat.

COLOR VARIETIES

The colours chocolate and cinnamon, as well as their dilution (lilac and fawn) are not recognized in any combinations (bicolour, tricolour, tabby). The pointed pattern is also not recognized. All other colours and patterns are recognized. The description of colours is listed in the general list of colours.

PENALIZE

Too small and finely built cats.
Round or square head;
Profile with a break (stop).
Round eyes.
Ears too small or narrow at the base.
Legs that are short, thin (not in proportion to the body) or cowhocked.
Short tail.
Cobby or extremely long body.
Dry or silky texture on coat.

DISQUALIFY

Incorrect number of toes.
Crossed eyes.
Kinked or abnormal tail.
Misaligned bite.
Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the fault colors.

SCORE

Head
40 points

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

Body
30 points

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

Coat/Color/Pattern
20 points

Length 4
Pattern 2
Texture 12
Color 2

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

None

