

HIMALAYAN

Scale of Points (See also General Preface)

<u>Head</u>	25	The head should be round and massive with great breadth of skull. The head is placed upon a short thick neck. The chin is broad and the jaw well-developed. The face should have full prominent cheeks, and the forehead should be domed. The nose should be short and snub. There should be a distinct indentation between the eyes called a break. The general appearance of the face should be a sweet open expression. Penalty: Thin muzzle, crooked underjaw, overshot or undershot jaw, bite deformity, lack of break.
<u>Ears</u>	5	The ears are small, round-tipped, set wide apart, and low on the head, generally blending into the roundness of the head.
<u>Eye Opening</u>	5	The eyes are large, round, and wide-spaced. They are at least as wide apart as the diameter of the eye. Penalty: Small eyes, eyes too close together, apparent obstruction of the tear drainage ducts.
<u>Eye Color</u>	5	Pointed cats: Clear, light to dark blue. Non-pointed cats: eye color must conform to coat color. (See Appendix)
<u>Body</u>	25	The cat is medium to large in size. The body is short and cobby with a level back. The cat is massive across the rump and shoulders with a well-rounded midsection and a broad chest. The legs should be short, thick and heavy-boned, giving the body a low to the ground square appearance. The feet are large and round. The tail should be short, about 2/3 the length of the body.
<u>Coat</u>	10	The coat should be long and should show perfect physical condition. It should be soft and full of life. Allowance should be made for seasonal variations in length and thickness. There are two types of Himalayan coat allowable -- (1) long and flowing, and (2) medium and thick.
<u>Color</u>	15	See Appendix for color descriptions. An allowance is to be made for the non-pointed Himalayan's pale undercoat. Also allow for the darkening of 8 months and older pointed Himalayan body color. There should be definite contrast between point and body color.
<u>Condition & Balance</u>	10	The Himalayan should be in general good health and be a well-balance cat. The general Himalayan standard is to be observed. Quality should not be sacrificed for size.