

NEBELUNG

The Nebelung is a distinctly elegant cat of foreign body type with an angular, modified, wedge-shaped head consisting of seven flat planes. The slightly upturned corners of the mouth give a sweet smiling facial expression. Its most outstanding characteristic is its coat: medium-long, shining and soft, which gives a luminous misty effect around its body, hence the name "Nebelung", which, in German, means "creature of the mist". Of a medium blue color with silver tipping of the guard hairs, the coat reflects light, giving a silvery sheen to the fur. Silver-tipped guard hairs should contrast against solid blue ground color when the hair is stroked against the grain. These cats are gentle and shy, but loving to their owners and family members.

Scale of Points (see General Preface)

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| <u>Head</u> | 15 | Shape: modified wedge with flat planes. Profile: straight nose and flat forehead, forming two planes. Muzzle: medium length. Muzzle break: none. Skull: top flat and narrow, forehead high. Chin: flat vertical plane from tip of nose to bottom of chin. |
| <u>Ears</u> | 5 | Shape: almost as wide at base as tall. Appear pointed; slightly rounded tips. Size: rather large. Placement: set far apart, as much onto the side as top of head. Hair: outside covered with short, fine hair. Furnishings: sparse. |
| <u>Eyes</u> | 10 | Shape: almost round, just oval enough to show Oriental slant. Size: rather large. Placement: set far apart. Color: as vividly green as possible at maturity. Nebelung eyes change rapidly through yellow to green. By four months a green ring should appear around the pupil. Cats whose eyes are not completely green should be penalized, the amount determined by the lack of quantity and vividness of green, as well as the age of the cat, with less severe penalty for kittens. |
| <u>Neck</u> | 3 | Length: long, but may appear shorter, due to dense fur. Size: slender. |
| <u>Tail</u> | 5 | Shape and size: straight, tapering from rather thick base to slender tip. Length: long. |
| <u>Body</u> | 15 | Shape: foreign. Size: males proportionately larger than females. Length: long. Boning: fine. NOTE: Cat will appear to be chunkier due to density of coat. Musculature: lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk. |
| <u>Legs</u> | 5 | Length: long. Boning: fine. Musculature: firm, lithe. |
| <u>Feet</u> | 5 | Shape: well-rounded. Size: small. Miscellaneous: appears to stand and walk on tiptoe. |
| <u>Color</u> | 20 | The coat of an even bright blue throughout with lighter color preferred. The guard hairs are silver tipped, giving the cat a lustrous appearance. Ghost tabby markings permitted in kittens. Nose leather: charcoal gray. Paw pads: rose flesh pink. |
| <u>Coat</u> | 20 | Length: medium-long on body with fluffy tail. Texture: fine, soft, silky. Density: dense, plush double coat. Color: high degree of tipping over solidly light color. |

PENALTIES: Weak chin, eye color not completely green.

WITHHOLD WINS: No green in eyes. Any white spot or locket.