

ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR

Scale of points (see also General Preface)

<u>Head</u>	15	The head is in good proportion to the body (the body is 3 to 4 times the length of the head), and forms a long wedge starting at the nose and flaring out in straight lines to the tip of the ears, forming a triangle with no pinch at the whiskers. The nose is long and straight as a continuation of the forehead without a dip in the nose. In profile, the upper jaw (including the tip of the nose) and the lower jaw should be approximately equal. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of nose, neither receding nor excessively massive. There is no less than the width of an eye between the eyes. When the whiskers are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is smooth. Penalize: round or broad head, weak or receding chin. Objection: bulge over eyes, dip in the nose.
<u>Ears</u>	5	The ears are strikingly large, pointed, wide at the base, and continue the line of the wedge. Objection: small or incorrectly set ears.
<u>Eyes</u>	10	The eyes are almond-shaped, medium-sized, slanted toward the nose in harmony with the lines of the wedge and ears, neither protruding nor recessed. Penalize: round eyes.
<u>Eye Color</u>	5	The eyes are a vivid green except in white cats, which are vivid green, vivid blue, or odd-eyed. Pointed cats shall have vivid blue eyes.
<u>Neck</u>	2	The neck is long and slender and carried to display length.
<u>Body</u>	20	The body is long and svelte. There is a distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. The shoulders and hips continue the same sleek lines of the tubular body. Hips should never be wider than the shoulders and without any indentations. Abdomen is tight and firm-muscled with no belly pouch.
<u>Tail</u>	3	The tail is narrow at the base, thin, long, tapering to a fine point, having a whip-like appearance. When brought down along the hind leg, the tail should reach the tip of the foot. Penalize: short or thick tail.
<u>Legs & Feet</u>	5	The legs are long and slim with the hind legs longer than the front and at least two-thirds (2/3) the length of the body. The paws are small and oval in shape.
<u>Coat</u>	10	The coat is short, fine-textured, glossy, and lies close to the body.
<u>Color</u>	20	Any color or combination of colors and/or patterns including the Siamese pattern are allowed.
<u>Balance</u>	5	The cat is svelte, having long tapering lines, and is very lithe and muscular. The overall appearance is of a well-balanced cat. Males may be somewhat larger than females. Miniaturization is to be considered a serious fault.