

# PERSIAN

Scale of Points (See also General Preface)

- Head** 25 Massive with great breadth of skull. Bone structure should be rounded. The face should be flat when viewed from the side. The forehead should be domed from the break to the back of the head. Cheeks should be full, with the impression of a shallow furrow starting from the inner corner of the eye and gently curving downward toward the outer corner of the lip-line, giving the appearance of a sloping mustache. The full face should appear to be square.
- The nose should be short and snub. There should be a decided indentation between the eyes, called the break. **LACK OF A BREAK IS A SERIOUS FAULT.** Allowance should be made for undeveloped nose break in kittens.
- The chin should be broad and well developed, coming up to meet the lip line. The jaws should be broad and powerful.
- Objections:** thin muzzle, crooked underjaw, teeth protruding out of mouth, shallow chin.
- Ears** 5 Should be small, round-tipped, tipped forward, and set wide apart, this width giving the appearance of a broad, almost level, top of head.
- Objections:** large, pointed ears; ears slanting outward from the head or set too close together.
- Eyes** 10 Should be large, round, and set wide apart. The color must conform to the requirements for coat color.
- Objections:** yellow eye color.
- Body** 20 The back should be short and level, massive across the shoulders, with well-rounded mid-section, and broad chest. The neck should be short and thick, providing adequate support for the massive head; allowance for neck development in the male should be made up to three years of age. The body should have heavy bone and good muscle tone; the rump of the female tends to be rounder than that of the male. The cat should be medium to large in size. The legs are short, thick, and straight with heavy bone. Feet firm and well rounded. The tail should be short and in proportion to the body length.
- Color** 20 Color should be even. Subtle lightening due to thermal effect is allowed at the roots, on the stomach and undersides of the legs and tail. For cats with special markings, the total point value should be divided 10 points for color and 10 points for markings. Pigment spots (freckles) are allowed on all colors of nose and lip leather.
- Coat** 10 The coat should be long and should show perfect physical condition. It should be soft and full of life. Allowances should be made for seasonal variations in length and thickness. The ruff should be very full. There are two types of Persian coat allowable -- long and flowing, or medium-long and thick.
- Condition & Balance** 10 The general Persian standard is to be observed. In comparing two cats of different colors, the cat shall be preferred which most nearly achieves the ideal for its Persian type. Quality should not be sacrificed for size.