

RAGAMUFFIN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall impression of the RagaMuffin should be one of sweetness and robust health. RagaMuffin females are generally considerably larger than males, both being muscular and heavy with a tendency toward a fatty pad (greater omentum) on the lower abdomen. RagaMuffins attain full maturity at approximately (4) four years of age. The cat is striking whether it is color point, color point with a white blaze or star, mitts and tipped tail set against darker fur, a dramatically marked tabby, or breathtaking calico. The only extremes in this cat are large size, large expressive eyes and docile nature. A RagaMuffin is people loving and affectionate – a large, cuddly, feline teddy bear!

<u>Head</u>	20	Shape/Size: The head is a broad modified wedge, with a rounded appearance. The forehead should be moderately rounded. The muzzle is round, slightly shorter than moderate in length, tending to broadness. The chin is firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite. Cheeks are full. In profile, there is an obvious nose dip, giving the impression of a scoop rather than a break. The neck is short, heavy and strong, particularly in older males. An allowance is made for jowliness in mature adult males.
<u>Sweet Expression</u>	5	There is puffiness to the whisker pad, which results in the characteristic “sweet look” of the RagaMuffin.
<u>Ears</u>	5	The ears are of medium size, set to the side of the head with slight flaring, tilted slightly forward, rounded (the lynx point) should have tufts on the tips of the ears), with moderate furnishings, in pleasing proportion to the head. The ears should be set as much on the side of the head as on top of the head.
<u>Eyes</u>	5	The eyes are large, walnut-shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, contributing to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental tip to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. Eye color requirements are as follows: Color points – blue; Minks – green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyes; Solids – all colors, including odd-eyes.
<u>Body</u>	20	The body is rectangular with a broad chest and shoulders, and moderately heavy muscling in the hindquarters with the hindquarters being equally as broad as the shoulders. The re should be a fatty pad (greater momentum) in the lower abdomen. Fitness should be determined by the muscle tone in the hind legs. These cats are fully fleshed. The backbone and ribs should not be visible to the eye and upon palpation should feel well covered with flesh.
<u>Tail</u>	5	The tail is long, in proportion to the body. It is fully furred, similar in look to a plume or soft bottlebrush, medium at the base with a slight taper.
<u>Legs & Paws</u>	5	The legs should be heavy boned, medium in length with the back legs slightly longer than the front legs, yet in proportion to the body. The paws should be large and round, able to support the weight of the cat without splaying, and with tufts beneath and between the paws. Allowance is to be made for finer boning in females.
<u>Coat</u>	10	The fur is to be medium to medium-long. Fur length is to be slightly longer around neck and outer edges of the face, resulting in the appearance of a ruff, and increasing in length from the top of the head down through the shoulder blades and back, with the coat on the sides and stomach being medium to medium-long. The fur on the front legs is thick and

short to medium in length. The fur on the hind legs is medium to medium-long and thick with the appearance of a wispy frill on the hindquarters.

<u>Texture</u>	10	Texture is to be dense and silky, similar to a heavy-furred rabbit. Texture will vary slightly with color.
<u>Color</u>	5	Every color and pattern is allowable with and without white. Any amount of white is allowed e.g. white spots on paws, back, chest or belly, a blaze, locket, etc. The degree of asymmetry whether in the pattern or the white spotting is of no importance? Nose leather and paw pads are accepted in all colors and in any color combination, not necessarily related to coat color. Cats with white on the feet may have pink paw pads or they may be bi-colored or multi-colored. Body darkening in older cats, and lighter or incomplete markings in kittens and young cats is allowed.
<u>Condition</u>	10	The cat must exhibit excellent good health and good care. It is to be clean and well-groomed, with bright eyes, clean ears and have no signs of parasites.

ALLOWANCES: Lighter eye color in dilutes. Shorter fur on the legs for cats with medium length coat. Seasonal changes in coat length and texture. Smaller size in females and cats under (4) four years of age. Short ruff on whole cats. Body darkening in older cats; light or incomplete markings in kittens and young cats.

PREFERENCES: Affectionate nature, white tip on the tail, deep, bright eye color.

PENALIZE:
Head: extreme cranial doming, nose break, Roman nose, small ears, pointed ears
Body: cobby
Tail: short
Coat: cottony undercoat

WITHHOLD: Poor health or condition, crossed eyes, visible tail kink or polydactyl.