SIBERIAN CAT

Scale of Points (See General Preface)

Head 15 The head is a modified wedge of medium size with rounded contours, broader at the top of the skull and narrowing slightly to a full rounded muzzle. Chin is well rounded but not protruding. There may be a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous. The muzzle is short in length. The cheekbones are neither high set or prominent. The top of the head is flat, with a slight nose curvature of a gentle slope from the forehead to the nose and a slight concave curvature before the tip when viewed in profile.

OBJECTIONS: Sharp, angular features, straight nose, long muzzle or elongated head

- Ears

 The ears are medium-large, wide and set as much on the sides of the head as on the top; ideal position is 1 to 1½ ear widths apart. The tips are rounded and the ear tilts forward. Lynx tipping is allowable. Hair over the back of the ears is short and thin; from the middle of the ear, the furnishings become longer and could cover the bas completely.

 OBJECTIONS: Pointed ears or ears set too close together, setting them high on the head.
- Eyes 10 The large, almost round, expressive eyes are set wide with the outer corner slightly angled toward the base of the ear. Any eye color is acceptable with blue required in pointed cats. **OBJECTIONS:** Very slanted or almond shaped eyes.
- Neck 5 The neck is medium long, round, substantial and well muscled. **OBJECTIONS:** Long, slender neck.
- Body 20 The body is of a moderate length, substantial, well muscled, and very powerful with the back slightly curved or arched, slightly higher than the shoulders, with a barrel shaped, firm belly. It may take as long as five years to mature. Females are proportionately smaller than males. **OBJECTIONS:** non-muscular, long body
- <u>Legs & 5</u> The legs are medium length with substantial boning and the hinds legs are slightly longer than the front (undetectable in motion). The feet are round and large with toe tufts desirable.

OBJECTIONS: Short cobby legs, slender long legs and/or delicate boning.

- Tail

 The tail is wide at the base tapering slightly and blunt at the tip. The length is proportionate to the body although somewhat shorter than expected.

 OBJECTIONS: Very long or short tail, which is out of proportion to the whole body.
- Color White or off white allowed on chin, breast and stomach of tabbies. White allowed in most areas. Clear strong colors and patterns are desirable, but are secondary to type. Buttons, lockets, and spots allowed. All colors and patterns are accepted.
- Coat 10 This is a triple coated longhaired cat, with the hair on the shoulder blades and lower part of chest being thick and slightly shorter. There should be an abundant ruff setting off the large impressive head. There is a tight undercoat, thicker in cold weather, with

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guard hairs that are finer and somewhat longer than the all over coat. Allow for seasonal variances in the coat. The coat gives the impression of lacquer and oil when ungroomed. The hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic. The skin may have a bluish cast. Clear strong colors and patterns are desirable, but are secondary to type. The texture of the coat may vary with coat. color.

OBJECTIONS: No undercoat. Curly coat other than slight waves on belly or britches.

Condition 10 The overall physical appearance of the cat should be one of great strength, force and stature with an overall balance of the entire cat, with a sweet expression and excellent condition. The general impression is one of roundness and circles, rather than the rectangles of the similar breeds.

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