

SPHYNX

General: The Sphynx appears to be a hairless cat, although it is not truly hairless. The cat should not be small or dainty. Males may be up to 25% larger as long as proper proportions are maintained. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, intelligent, and above all, amenable to handling.

Head 35 **Shape & Size:** Medium. It is a modified wedge with rounded contours, slightly longer than wide. The skull is slightly rounded with a rather flat forehead. **Muzzle/chin:** The muzzle is strong and rounded with a distinct whisker break and firm chin. **Profile:** There is a slight to moderate stop at the bridge of the nose. **Cheekbones:** Prominent. **Ears:** Very large. They are broad at the base and open. The set is upright, neither low set nor on top of the head. **Eyes:** Large, shaped like a rounded lemon. **Placement:** Slanting to the outer corner of the ear. There is slightly more than an eye width between the eyes. Eye color should ideally conform to coat color, but green and hazel are acceptable.

Shape/size = 5; Muzzle/chin = 5; Profile = 5; Cheekbones = 5; Ears = 10; Eyes = 5

Body & Tail 35 **Body:** The body is medium, very hard and muscular, not delicate. It is medium to medium long in length with medium boning. **Neck:** is medium, round and well muscled. It arches from the shoulders to the base of the skull. It is powerful, especially in the males. **Chest** is broad and may tend toward being barrel-chested. **Abdomen** is well-rounded, having the appearance of having eaten a large meal, but not fat. **Legs & feet** are in proportion to the body but not fine-boned. The legs are firm and muscular to the feel. The female's legs may be more slender. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front. The forelegs are widely set. **Paws** are oval with long slender toes and the paw pads are thicker than those in other breeds, giving the appearance of walking on "air cushions". **Tail:** Shape is whippy, tapering from body to tip. Length is in proportion to body. **Lion tail** (puff of hair on the tip of the tail).

Neck = 5; Chest = 10; Abdomen - 10; Legs/feet = 5; Tail = 5

Coat & Skin 25 **Length:** The cat appears hairless, but may be covered with short, fine down. It may have a lion tail (puff of hair on the tip of the tail). Short, soft, fine hair is allowed on ears, muzzle, tail, feet and scrotum. Lack of coat makes the cat quite warm to the touch. Texture is chamois-like. A feeling of resistance may be felt when stroking the skin of some cats. **Whiskers and eyebrows** are short and sparse. They may be present, either whole or broken, or may be totally absent. **Wrinkles:** The skin is very wrinkled in kittens. Adults should retain as many wrinkles as possible, especially on the head, although wrinkling should not be so pronounced that it affect's the cat's normal functions.

Color 5 Any color or combination of colors and/or patterns is allowed.

Penalize: An overall small cat. A body that is too thin, frail appearing or delicate, fine boning. Too cobby or foreign. Lack of wrinkles on head. Straight profile, narrow head. Non-amenable disposition. Significant amounts of hair above the ankle.

Withhold: Any indication of wavy hair or suggestion of the Devon Rex, or Cornish Rex in molt. Any indication of depilating, plucking, shaving, clipping or any other means of hair removal. Inability to handle.