

TONKINESE

The Tonkinese was originally the result of a Siamese to Burmese breeding. The ideal Tonkinese is intermediate in type, being neither cobby nor svelte. The Tonkinese should give the overall impression of an alert, active cat with good muscular development. The cat should be surprisingly heavy. While the breed is considered medium in size, balance and proportion are of greater importance. In all patterns, pointed, minks or solid, the conformation of the Tonkinese is identical. All Tonkinese are pointed cats with patterns of high, medium or low contrast. Point to body contrast varies within each pattern

<u>Head</u>	15	<p>The head is a modified wedge somewhat longer than it is wide, with high, gently planed cheekbones. The muzzle is blunt, as long as it is wide. There is a slight whisker break, gently curved, following the lines of the wedge. There is a slight stop at eye level. In profile, the tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose in a vertical plane. There is a gentle contour with a slight rise from the nose stop to the forehead. The forehead has a slight convex curve.</p> <p>Objections: round or sharply pointed head or muzzle. Withhold wins: definite nose break.</p>
<u>Ears</u>	5	<p>Alert, medium in size. Oval tips. Broad at the base, pricked forward, and as much on the side of the head as on the top. Hair on ears is very short and close-lying. Leather may show through.</p>
<u>Eyes</u>	5	<p><u>Shape:</u> Almond-shaped, slightly rounded on the bottom. Slanted along cheekbone towards outer corner of ear. Eyes proportionate in size to the face. Objections: Round eyes.</p>
	5	<p><u>Color:</u> Varies with pattern.</p> <p><u>Pointed:</u> a deep brilliant clear blue. Objections: Aqua Withhold wins: Green, yellow, gold or copper eyes.</p> <p><u>Mink:</u> Aquamarine through turquoise, the entire blue-green spectrum is allowed with depth, brilliance and clarity. Objections: Blue or green eye color Withhold wins: Yellow, gold or copper eyes</p> <p><u>Solid:</u> Green with depth, brilliance and clarity preferred Objection: Aqua eye color Withhold wins: Blue eyes</p>
<u>Body</u>	15	<p>Body is to be medium in length and well-muscled. Males are proportionately larger than females. Objections: cobby body or too finely boned.</p>
<u>Legs</u>	10	<p>Fairly slim, proportionate in length and bone structure to the body. Hind legs are slightly</p>
<u>& Feet</u>		<p>higher than the front. Objections: short/ stocky or long/fine legs.</p>

<u>Tail</u>	5	<p>Proportionate in length to body,tapering. Objections: narrow at base, whippy, short, thick, or blunt.</p>
<u>Coat</u>	10	<p>Short, fine, glossy and close-lying to the body.</p>
<u>Color</u>	15	<p><u>Pointed:</u> Mature specimen should have an off-white to any shading relative to the point colors; overall body color should be in distinct contrast to the points. Allowance to be made for kittens and cats up to 12 months of age and for darker body color in older cats, but there must be a definite contrast between body color and points. Allowance of slight barring on kittens and cats up to 12 months. Objections: irregular body shading, body barring</p> <p>Blue: off-white with warm gray shading and slate-blue points. Nose leather and paw pads are blue-gray. Paw pads may have rosy undertones</p> <p>Champagne: ivory with buff tan shading and medium brown points. Nose leather and paw pads are cinnamon pink to cinnamon brown.</p> <p>Natural: fawn to cream with dark brown points. Nose leather and paw pads are dark brown. Paw pads may have rosy undertones.</p> <p>Platinum: pearly white with frosty gray points. Nose leather and paw pads are lavender pink to lavender gray.</p> <p><u>Mink:</u> Mature specimen should be a rich color with shading to a slightly lighter hue on the underparts blending into its points. Allowance to be made for kittens and cats up to 12 months of age and for darker body color in older cats, but there must be a definite contrast between body color and points. Allowance of slight barring on kittens and cats up to 12 months. Objections: irregular body shading, body barring</p> <p>Blue: soft blue gray with warm overtones. Nose leather and paw pads are blue-gray. Paw pads may have rosy undertones</p> <p>Champagne: buff cream to beige, reddish highlights acceptable. Nose leather and paw pads are cinnamon pink to cinnamon brown.</p> <p>Natural: medium brown, ruddy highlights acceptable. Nose leather and paw pads are dark brown. Paw pads may have rosy undertones.</p> <p>Platinum: pale silvery gray with warm overtones, not white or cream. Nose leather and paw pads are lavender pink to lavender gray.</p> <p><u>Solid:</u> Mature specimen may be a lighter shade of the point color with very little contrast with points. Allowance to be made for kittens and cats up to 12 months of age and for darker body color in older cats, but there must be a definite contrast between body color and points. Allowance of slight barring on kittens and cats up to 12 months. Objections: irregular body shading, body barring</p>

Blue: slate blue with warm overtones. **Nose leather and paw pads** are blue-gray. Paw pads may have rosy undertones.

Champagne: golden tan to light coffee brown. **Nose leather and paw pads** are cinnamon pink to cinnamon brown.

Natural: sable brown. **Nose leather and paw pads** are dark brown. Paw pads may have rosy undertones.

Platinum: dove gray. **Nose leather and paw pads** are lavender pink to lavender gray.

Points

15 Mask, ears, legs, and tail should be defined in a darker color as follows:

Pointed: points should be in high contrast to the body

Mink: points should be in medium contrast to the body

Solid: points should be in low contrast to the body

Except in kittens, the mask and ears should be connected by tracings.

Objections: mask extending over top of head. Ticking in points. Barring on legs in cats over 12 months.

Withhold wins: lack of definite leg points.