

FOREIGN WHITE

GENERAL STANDARD

The Foreign White is a medium-sized, beautifully balanced, with head, ears and neck carried on a long, svelte, well-muscled body, supported on slender legs, with feet and tail in proportion. The head and profile should be wedge-shaped, neither round nor pointed. The expression is alert and intelligent. Males are generally larger than females.

The Foreign White Longhair is a semi longhaired cat. Due to the coat length, the Foreign White Longhair appears to have softer lines and less extreme type. The long hair may diffuse but never conceal the Siamese type.

HEAD: Tapering wedge that is medium in size and in proportion to the body. The wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tip of the ears, an equilateral triangle being the ideal, slightly convex across the top of the skull, forehead flat (this is the area between ear base and top of eye opening) with no break at the whiskers and a fine muzzle. When the whiskers are smoothed back, the underlying straight bone structure is apparent. Allowance is made for jowls in stud males.

In profile, the straight line formed from the nose leather to the centre of the forehead changes angle slightly and curves over the top of the skull and flows smoothly into the neck, without any irregularity.

EARS: Large, pricked, wide at the base, flared, with good width between and continuing the line of the wedge.

NOTE: *In kittens, the ears may appear to be oversized and fall outside the line of the wedge. Allowance may be made for this.*

EYES: Oriental in shape, with no less than the width of an eye between them. They are medium in size, slanting slightly downward towards the nose, in harmony with the lines of the wedge, ears and head size. They are neither protruding nor recessed and there must be no permanent squint.

NOSE: Long, straight and of even width, with no dip or rise.

CHEEKS: In line with the wedge, neither protruding nor too narrow.

JAWS: Fine, wedge-shaped and medium in size.

CHIN: Firm, completing the line of the wedge. In profile, it is of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

NECK: Long and slender, in proportion to the body; being one of the features which gives elegance to these cats.

BODY: Medium in size, long, svelte and elegant, with fine bones and firm muscles. The abdomen is tight, the body tubular, with the shoulder and hips continuing the sleek, straight lines of the body. The rib cage is oval when viewed from the front.

TAIL: Long, whip-like, tapering from the base to the tip, in proportion to the body, and without kink.

LEGS: Long, slim and elegant, in proportion to the body. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front legs.

PAWS: Small and oval.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head and neck	20	
Ears	5	
Eye shape and set	10	35
Body	15	
Tail	5	
Legs and paws	5	25
Coat length and texture	10	
Coat colour, incl. pattern	15	
Eye colour	10	35
Condition	5	5
Total		100

FAULTS / PENALTIES

REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:

PENALISE:

- Ears too small, too large or incorrectly set.
- Narrow head or bone defect at back of head.
- Eyes too small, large or round, protruding or recessed.
- Indentation in skull above brow (except in kittens).
- Roman nose, profile dip or stop or dip at end of nose.
- Muzzle pinch.
- Any suggestion of coarseness or extreme fineness.
- Incorrect body colour according to the standard.
- Incorrect colour of nose leather or paw pads.
- Coloured hairs (except capping in kittens).
- Any yellow tinge or staining in the coat.

Shorthair:

- Overlong or shaggy coat.

Longhair:

- Lack of plumed tail.
- Definite double or woolly coat or ruff.

WITHHOLD:

- Incorrect eye colour.

COAT AND COLOUR

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (SHORTHAIR): Very short, fine, glossy and lying close to the body.

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (LONGHAIR): Semi-long, fine and silky in texture, without undercoat. It will normally be shorter on the head and shoulders. It is not desirable to have any tendency towards a frill in the neck or throat area. Fine ear furnishings are preferred. Ear tufts may occur. The coat lies mainly flat along the body, but is feathery along the underparts and britches. The tail plume should be long and feathery.

NOTE: *Kittens may be slow to develop adult coat length.*

COAT COLOUR: Pure, glistening white, untinged in any way. Kittens may have a coloured cap or a few coloured hairs on the head and should not be penalised for this.

EYE COLOUR: Clear, deep, brilliant blue.

NOSE LEATHER AND PAW PADS: Pink.