# **KORAT**

## **GENERAL STANDARD**

The Korat's appearance is that of a solid blue cat with a distinct silver sheen. It is medium-sized, muscular, with smooth curved lines and huge prominent eyes. Males are generally larger than females.

**HEAD:** When viewed from the front, the head is heart-shaped, with breadth between and across the eyes, gently curving, to a well developed but neither sharply pointed nor overly squared muzzle. Forehead large and flat. An indentation or crease in the centre of the forehead (predominantly in males) accentuates the heart shape.

**EARS:** Large and wide at the base, with a rounded tip, set high on the head giving an alert expression. Inside of ears sparsely furnished.

**EYES:** Large, particularly prominent. Wide open and oversized for the face. Eye aperture appears as well rounded when fully open, an Asian slant seen when closed or partly closed.

**NOSE:** Short with a slight downward curve. In profile there is a slight stop between forehead and nose.

CHEEKS: Full and broad.

JAWS: Strong and well defined.

**CHIN:** Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

**NECK:** Strong and in proportion to the body.

**BODY:** Strongly muscular, semi-cobby, chest broad. Medium bone structure, with weight being heavier than appearance suggests. Back carried in a curve.

**TAIL:** Medium length, in proportion to the body, heavier at the base, tapering to a rounded tip.

**LEGS:** In proportion to body, well muscled, medium strong bone. Hind legs slightly higher than front.

PAWS: Neat and oval.

**CONDITION:** Perfect physical condition, muscular. Alert appearance.

SCALE OF	POINTS		
Head	15		
Ears	5		
Eye shape and set	15	35	
Body	15		
Legs and paws	5		
Tail	5	25	
Eye colour	5		
Coat Colour	15		
Coat texture & Length	15	35	
Condition	5	5	
Total		100	

### **FAULTS / PENALTIES**

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

#### PENALISE:

- Exaggerated curve to back (i.e., roach back).
- Lack of muscle tone.
- Overlong coat.
- Definite nose stop.

### WITHHOLD:

- Tabby markings.
- Lack of silver tipping.
- Head, ears or eyes which do not conform to the standard.
- Body which is too fine or too short and thickset.
- Obvious tail kink.
- White locket or spotting on toes.

### COAT AND COLOUR

**COAT AND COLOUR:** Blue all over, tipped with silver, the more silver the better, without shading or tabby markings. Where the coat is shortest the sheen of the silver is intensified.

NOSE LEATHER: Dark blue or lavender.

PAW PADS: Dark blue or lavender.

**COAT TEXTURE AND LENGTH:** A single coat. Hair is short to medium in length, glossy and fine, lying close to the body. The coat over the spine is inclined to break as the cat moves. Kittens and adolescents sometimes have a longer coat.

**EYE COLOUR:** Luminous brilliant green, but amber cast acceptable.

**NOTE**: Kittens and adolescents have yellow or amber-green eye colour. Full eye colour is not established until the cat is mature, which can take up to three years.

**ANY OTHER COLOUR:** To be registered as AOV Korat e.g. Blue Point, to be shown only as part of a litter, not in individual classes and is not eligible for any awards.