

BREED SIBERIAN

GENERAL The Siberian, Russia's native forest cat, first appeared in recorded history around the year 1000 and hails from the unforgiving climate of Siberia. This is a cat that nature designed to survive, with no extremes in type. The Siberian is a medium to medium large, strong triple coated cat with surprising heft for its size. The overall appearance should be one of strength, presence, and alertness, with a sweet facial expression. The breed is extremely slow to mature taking as long as 5 years. Females are generally smaller than males and allowances should be considered when comparing females and young cats to the standard. Size is secondary to type. The general impression is one of roundness and circles, rather than rectangles and triangles.

HEAD	SHAPE	The head has the shape of a short and broad trapezium with low set, in good proportion to the body. The head is broader at the top of the skull and narrows slightly to a full-rounded muzzle. The cheekbones are board, neither high set nor prominent. There should be a slight doming between the ears and an almost flat area on the forehead. Males will have well developed jowls and females will have a more moderate look.
	EYES	Medium to large, oval but almost round. The outer corner angled slightly towards the base of the ear. The eyes should be set more than one eye's width apart and should be open, alert, and expressive. There is no relationship between eye color and coat/color pattern except in the color points which have blue eyes.
	EARS	Medium to large, rounded, wide at the base and tilt slightly forward. The ears should be set as much on the sides of the head as on top. The hair over the back of the ear is short and thin. From the middle of the ear, the furnishings become longer and cover the base of the ear. Ear tipping is allowed.
	PROFILE	The top of the head is almost 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.
	MUZZLE/CHIN	The muzzle is moderately short in length, full and rounded. There is a slight muzzle curvature, but the transition between the side of the head and the muzzle is gentle and inconspicuous. And the chin should be well rounded but not protruding, and is in line with the nose.
	NECK	Rounded, sturdy, and well muscled.

BODY	TORSO	The body is medium in length, and well muscled with the back arched slightly higher than the shoulders, with a barrel- shaped, firm belly giving the sensation of solid weight. Moderate stomach pad or famine pouch on lower abdomen acceptable.
	LEGS AND FEET	The legs are medium in length, and should have substantial boning with the hind legs slightly longer than the front legs. The feet are big and rounded, with toe tufts desirable.
	TAIL	Medium in length, being somewhat shorter than the length of the body. It should be wide at the base, tapering slightly to a blunt tip without thickening or kinks, evenly and thickly furnished.
	MUSCULATURE	Substantial and powerful.
COAT COLOR PATTERN	TEXTURE	Varies from coarse to soft, varying according to color. There is a tight undercoat (in mature cats), thicker in cold weather.
	LENGTH	Moderately long to longhair, TRIPLE coat. The hair on the shoulder blades and lower part of the chest should be thick and slightly shorter. There should be an abundant full collar ruff setting off the head in adults. Allow for warm weather coats. The hair may thicken to curls on the belly and britches, but a wavy coat is not characteristic.
	COLOR/ PATTERN	Clear patterns are desirable, but secondary to type. White is allowed in any amount and in all areas. White or off-white allowed on chin, breast and stomach of tabbies. Buttons, spots and lockets are allowed. Tarnishing on silvers not penalized.
	COLOR VARIETIES	The colours chocolate and cinnamon, as well as their dilution (lilac and fawn) are not recognized in any combinations (bicolour, tricolour, tabby, pointed). All other colours and patterns are recognized. The description of colours is listed in the general list of colours.

PENALIZE

Straight profile.
Narrow or fox-like muzzle.
Too round head (Persian type).
Long tail or very short tail.
Delicate boning, non-muscular, long body.
Almond-shaped eyes or over round eyes.
Too large or too high set ears.
Very long legs or very short legs.
Too fine or silky coat.

DISQUALIFY

Kinked tail.
Incorrect number of toes.
Crossed eyes.
Misaligned bite.
Evidence of illness.
Poor health.
Emaciation.

SCORE	Head 40 points	Shape	10
		Ears	6
		Eyes	6
		Chin	3
		Muzzle	10
		Neck	2
		Profile	3
	Body 27 points	Torso	10
		Legs and Feet	4
		Tail	3
		Boning	5
		Musculature	5
	Coat/Color/Pattern 25 points	Texture	15
		Color/ Pattern	5
		Length	5
	Others 8 points	Condition	2
		Grooming	2
		Balance	2
		Temperament	2

OUTCROSS

None