

RAGDOLL

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Ragdoll is a large-boned cat that ranges from medium to large in size with a long body. It gives the appearance of power. In appearance, the Ragdoll is a well-balanced cat with no one feature overpowering another. Females may be slightly smaller than males. Whole cats may carry less weight than altered cats. Ragdoll are slow maturing and do not reach full maturity till approx. 3 to 4 years of age.

HEAD: 40 POINTS

Shape

- 9 Broad modified wedge with flat plane in area between the ears.
Allowance should be made for stud jowls in the adult males.
Serious objection to round head

Ears

- 5 The ears are of medium size and slant slightly forward. The ears should be rounded at the tips. The outer aperture of the ear should fall in line with the outer aperture of the eye.
Moderate objection to ears of incorrect size or shape and ears not sitting in correct position

Eyes

- 7 The eyes must be blue, large and oval and moderately wide-set. The outer aperture should fall in line with the outer base of the ear. Deeper shades of blue are preferred and allowance should be made for lighter shades in the dilute colors.

Chin

- 5 Well developed / strong, lower jaw forming a perpendicular line with upper lip
Moderate objection to weak chin

Muzzle

- 4 The muzzle is round, medium in length, with a well-developed chin.
Moderate objection to shorter muzzle

Profile

- 9 In profile; chin to be well developed, straight nose to bridge followed by gentle curve to brow
Moderate objection to straight profile

Neck

- 1 Muscular and in proportion to head and body.

BODY: 35 POINTS

Torso

- 10 The body is to be long with a full chest and equally massive across the shoulders and hind quarters. The body is muscular, solid and heavy with a tendency for a "fatty pad" on the lower abdomen. Ragdolls carry most of their weight in their hindquarters. Females may be smaller than males. Allowance should be made for slow maturation which is approximately three (3) to four (4) years.

- Legs/ Feet** **10** The legs are in proportion to body, substantial boning hind legs are to be slightly longer than the front. The feet are large and round with tufts of fur between the toes desired
- Boning** **10** Boning is to be substantial / heavy.
- Tail** **5** The tail is equal to the length of body. It is thicker at the base with a slight taper toward the tip and is full and plumed.
- COAT:** **25**
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The coat varies from medium to long in length. The coat is soft, plush. The coat lies with the body and breaks as the cat moves. The coat is long around the neck and outer edge of the face with the appearance of a bib and should be shorter on the face. The fur on the back legs is medium to long, thick and feather-like. No undercoat is allowed. Allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations.
- Color** **10** There is a definite contrast between body and points. Allowance is to be made for deeper shading in older cats and for underdeveloped color in younger cats. Full color may not be obtained until full maturity. See color descriptions in Appendix (Pointed colors)
- Pattern** **10** See pattern descriptions at the end of this standard.

ALLOWANCES: For shorter coats, shading on underbelly of colorpoint and mitted patterns, on kittens and cats under one (1) year of age

PENALTIES: For muzzle pinch, front and back legs of equal height, round or oriental eyes, cobby bodies, short legs, short tail.

WITHHOLD WINS: Eye color other than blue. Short or upturned nose. Roman nose.

PATTERNS: Colorpoint, Colorpoint Bi-Color and Colorpoint Mitted (**NO MITTED BI-COLORS ALLOWED**)

PATTERN DESCRIPTIONS

COLORPOINT

Body should be softly shaded in the areas of the shoulders and haunches. The points (ears, mask, legs, feet and tail) must be darker than the body color and well-defined. The chest, bib and chin may be slightly lighter than body color. Soft color shading is allowed on underbelly.

Withhold wins: If there is white anywhere on the cat.

COLOR POINT and tail) must MITTED

Body should be softly shaded and the points (ears, mask, legs {except feet and tail) must be darker than the body and well-defined. A solid or broken blaze on the nose and between the eyes is acceptable. Blaze may not enter into the nose leather causing a change in nose leather color. The chin and bib must be white. A white stripe of varying width should extend from the chin to the underside of the body and may be interrupted by patches of point color. The white stripe might not be visible in cats under 1 year of age. Ideally, the front feet should have white mittens evenly matched with scalloping or peaking allowed, not to extend above the bend of paw. All toes to be white. Ideal boots are to be white up to and extending around the hock entirely and are to be no higher than mid thigh.

Nose leather must match the point color. **Paw Pads:** Pink paw pads are preferred, but pink mottled with point color is acceptable.

Penalize: Point color spotting in boots. Boots shorter than the hock. The shorter the boot the more severe the penalty should be. White runners up underside of front legs; absence of a white solid or broken line on underbelly of cats over one (1) year of age.

Withhold Win: Lack of a white chin. White on ears. Point color spotting in mittens.

COLORPOINT

The points (ears, mask and tail) are to be well-defined and the mask is to have a white

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inverted "V" on the face. The ideal V bisects the eyes evenly and should be as symmetrical as possible. The stomach, ruff, chin and legs are to be white. Body color or point color should not extend below the elbow on the front legs or below the hocks on the rear. The body color must be lighter than the points and may have various markings of white and color patches. **Nose leather** is to be pink. **Paw pads:** Pink paw pads are preferred, but pink mottled with point color is acceptable. **Penalize:** Color patch on white designated color area. White blaze running above the inverted "V". White beyond the outside edge of the eye

Withhold wins: Any nose color other than pink. White on ears. Point color spotting in white areas of mask (muzzle).