

MAINE COON [MCO] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

General

The overall impression of the Maine Coon is a large framed cat with large ears, broad chest, solid bone structure, a long, hard muscled, rectangular body and a long flowing tail. Good muscle tone and density give the cat the appearance of power and robustness. A distinctive characteristic is its smooth, shaggy coat. A natural breed of amicable character that traces its origin to the working cat found on the farms of North America.

Head: Broad, cheeks high. Face and nose of medium length with a square outline to the muzzle. Chin firm and in line with nose and upper lip. In profile the nose shows a very slight break (not a stop). Neck medium long.

Ears: Large, well-tufted, wide at the base and tapering to a point; set high and well apart.

Eyes: Large, expressive, wide set with an opened oval shape. Slightly oblique setting with slant toward outer base of ear.

Body: Muscular, broad chested, medium to large in size. The body should be long but the overall appearance is rectangular.

Legs and Feet: Legs substantial and muscular, front legs set wide on the broad chest; of medium length and well proportioned. In comparison to other cats the legs are long but because of the body length they appear only medium long. Feet large, round and well tufted.

Tail: Long, broad at base and tapering; fur long and flowing, bushy.

Coat Thick, shorter on the shoulders and head but longer on the stomach and hind legs. A ruff is desirable. Texture silky and falling smoothly; the undercoat is soft and fine, covered by a water-repellent overcoat.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Allowance should be made for slow development. Points are deducted for a short coat or coat with overall even length. In warm climates the coat may be shorter; the length varies with the season. However, the tail remains long and bushy.

Faults: Delicate bone structure, weak chin.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including eye and ear shape</i>	30 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:		~ points
Body:	<i>including neck, legs and tail</i>	35 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:		20 points
Colour:	<i>coat colour and pattern (5) eye (5)</i>	10 points
Condition:		5 points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: All colours allowed. Colour should be uniform.

Coat Colour: All colours allowed [except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, apricot and amber] including with white; any amount of white is allowed, ie. blaze, locket, white on chest/belly/paws etc.

Coat Pattern: All patterns, except pointed, sepia and mink.

Nose Leather: In accordance with body colour, outlined in agouti varieties.

Paw Pads: In accordance with coat colour.

Remarks: For judging purposes varieties are divided into Agouti, Agouti & White, Non-agouti and Non-agouti & White (ie in each group a certificate is awarded.)

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none