

APHRODITE (**Longhair** [APL] **Shorthair** [APS]) (Standard Source: WCF 2014)

General

The overall impression of the Aphrodite is of a cat with a big, long, lean, muscular body and long triangular shaped head. The Aphrodite is a natural breed originating from Cyprus.

- Head:** Long triangular wedge without whisker break when viewed from the front. Profile shows long straight nose with very slight dip at eye level. Forehead slightly rounded. Strong chin.
- Ears:** Medium to large, broad at base with rounded tips. Outer line of the ears follows the line of the head down to the chin. There is a slight roundness between the ears.
- Eyes:** Large and oval shaped with an oblique set.
- Body:** Medium to large with long, elegant, lean muscular body and strong neck. Well-developed, from shoulders through to hips.
- Legs and Feet:** In proportion to body with heavy boning. Back legs slightly longer than front legs. Round feet.

Tail: Medium to long, in proportion to body.

Coat

Longhair:

Soft textured, semi-long with minimal top coat and cotton woolly undercoat. In summer the coat is distinctly shorter and lacks undercoat. Tail is well plumed.

Shorthair:

Soft, silky strong structured short coat with minimal top-coat and with undercoat in winter. In summer, there is no undercoat. Tail fur is to be tapered from longer at base to shorter at tip.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Slow to develop; can take up to 5 years to reach full maturity. Kittens may be less muscular but should still have big boning. Females generally smaller than males.

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including shape, profile, nose and muzzle/chin</i>	20 points
Ears:	<i>including placement, shape and size</i>	5 points
Eyes:	<i>including placement, shape and set</i>	5 points
Body:	<i>including shape, size, boning, musculature, legs and paws</i>	35 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		5 points
Coat:	<i>including quality, length and texture</i>	20 points
Colour:	<i>including pattern</i>	5 points
Condition:		5 points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: All colours allowed. Colour should be uniform. No preference given to deeper colours over pale colours.

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 [including sepia and mink].

Nose Leather: In accordance with coat 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 for each hair length [longhair/shorthair]).

For judging purposes white cats of any eye colour compete in one challenge class.

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none