

KORAT [KOR] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

General

The Korat (Koh-raht) is a rare cat even in Thailand, its country of origin, and because of its unusually fine disposition, is greatly loved by the Thai people who regard it as a “good luck” cat. Its general appearance is of a silver blue cat with a heavy silver sheen, medium sized, hard-bodied, and muscular. All smooth curves with huge eyes, luminous, alert, and expressive. Perfect physical condition, alert appearance.

Head: When viewed from the front, or looking down from just back of the head, the head is heart shaped with breadth between and across the eyes. The eyebrow ridges form the upper curves of the heart, and the sides of the face gently curve down to the chin to complete the heart shape. Undesirable: any pinch or narrowness, especially between or across the eyes. Profile is well-defined with a slight stop between forehead and nose which has a lion-like downward curve just above the leather. Chin & Jaw strong and well-developed, making a balancing line for the profile and properly completing the heart shape. Neither overly squared nor sharply pointed, nor a weak chin that gives the head a pointed look. Neck is medium in length, strong, conforming to size of cat.

Ears: Large, with a rounded tip and large flare at base, set high on head, giving an alert expression. Inside ears sparsely furnished. Hairs on outside of ears extremely short and close.

Eyes: Large and luminous. Particularly prominent with an extraordinary depth and brilliance. Wide open and oversized for the face. Eye aperture, which shows as well-rounded when fully open, has an Asian slant when closed or partially closed.

Body: Semi-cobby, neither compact nor svelte. The body is distinctive. Broad chested with good space between forelegs. Muscular, supple, with a feeling of hard coiled spring power and unexpected weight. Back is carried in a curve.

Legs and Feet: Well-proportioned to body. Distance along back from nape of neck to base of tail appears to be equal to distance from base of tail to floor. Front legs slightly shorter than back legs. Paws oval.

Tail: Medium in length, heavier at the base, tapering to a rounded tip. Non-visible kink permitted.

Coat: Single. Hair is short in length, glossy and fine, lying close to the body. The coat over the spine is inclined to break as the cat moves.

For colour and pattern recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Males tend to be larger than females.

Faults: Any pinch or narrowness, especially between or across the eyes; nose that appears either long or short in proportion. Small or dull looking eyes.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: Visible kink. White spot or locket.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>broad head (5), profile (4), breadth between eyes (4)</i> <i>Heart shape (5), chin & jaw (3)</i>	21 points
Ears:	<i>set and placement</i>	4 points
Eyes:	<i>size (5), shape (5), placement (5)</i>	15 points
Body:		15 points
Legs and Feet:		5 points
Tail:		5 points
Coat:	<i>short (4), texture (3), close lying (3)</i>	10 points
Colour:	<i>body colour (20), eye colour (5)</i>	25 points
Condition:		~ points
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COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: Luminous green preferred, amber cast acceptable. Kittens and adolescents can have yellow or amber to amber-green eyes.

Coat Colour: Silver-tipped blue all over, the silver should be sufficient to produce a silver halo effect. The hair is usually lighter at the roots with a gradient of blue which is deepest just before the tips which are silver. Adults should be without shading or tabby markings. Where the coat is short, the sheen of the silver is intensified.

Coat Pattern: Solid only.

Nose Leather: Dark blue or lavender (includes lips).

Paw Pads: Dark blue ranging to lavender with a pinkish tinge.

Remarks: **Eye Colour:** It is not usually achieved until the cat is mature, usually two to four years of age.

Coat Colour: Allow for ghost tabby markings in kittens.

Faults: Coats with silver tipping on only the head, legs and feet.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: Any colour but silver-tipped blue.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none