

TURKISH VAN [TUV] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

General

The overall impression of the Turkish Van is a muscular, long bodied cat with a wedge-shaped face and semi-long hair. The ideal cat has a distinctive “van” pattern of white body with coloured patches restricted to the head and tail. This is a natural breed that originated from the Lake Van area in Turkey.

Head: Substantial broad wedge, nose medium to long, straight but with a barely perceptible dip in profile. Chin firm. Neck strong.

Ears: Moderately large, well-furnished, fairly close together and set high on the skull. Slightly rounded tips, wide at base.

Eyes: Large and oval, set slightly oblique.

Body: Muscular, medium heavy type, body long but sturdy.

Legs and Feet: Medium length legs with round paws.

Tail: Medium long, with a full brush appearance, but without undercoat.

Coat: Semi-long on the body, texture fine and silky with no woolly undercoat. Facial hair is short; males may have a full ruff which is more pronounced with age.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: ~

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including eye shape</i>	25 points
Ears:	<i>including size & colouring</i>	10 points
Eyes:	<i>colour</i>	10 points
Body:	<i>including tail</i>	25 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:	<i>including colour</i>	25 points
Colour:		~ points
Condition:		5 points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: Light amber (62); blue (61); or one light amber and one blue (63); with pink rims.
Allow for faded eye colour and greenish cast to amber eyes in mature cats.

Coat Colour: The white parts should be chalk-white with no trace of yellow. Inside ears shell pink. In non-tabbies, the coloured tail is faintly ringed in adults and more heavily ringed in kittens.

Coat Pattern: VAN (01): A white cat with colour patches confined to the head and tail. Patches of colour on the face is preferably broken by a white blaze. Colour may extend up the rump.

Nose Leather: Pink. The pink areas may show spots appropriate to the marking colour.

Paw Pads: Pink. The pink areas may show spots appropriate to the marking colour.

Remarks: This is the ideal; some cats have small, irregularly placed coloured markings on the body, or a small amount of colour extending up the ears, but this should not disqualify an otherwise good specimen. The coloured patches are often more barred than solid.

The tortie Turkish Van pattern will appear to be patched due to the presence of the white spotting gene, as in all tortie patterns this is random and immaterial. Again because of the restricted coloured areas the tortie, or tabby pattern may not be evident throughout and may be more noticeable on the tail. Of more importance is sufficient evidence of marking to identify the cat as a tortie, tabby, or tortie tabby.

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

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

BLACK (TUV n)

Coat Colour: White with black patches.

BLUE (TUV a)

Coat Colour: White with blue-grey patches.

RED (TUV d)

Coat Colour: White with red (auburn) patches.

CREAM (TUV e)

Coat Colour: White with cream patches.

BLACK TORTIE (TUV f)

Coat Colour: White with patches of black and red (dark and light shades).

BLUE TORTIE (TUV g)

Coat Colour: White with patches of blue-grey and cream (dark and light shades).

BLACK TABBY (TUV n 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of black tabby pattern.

BLUE TABBY (TUV a 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of blue tabby pattern.

RED TABBY (TUV d 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of red (auburn) tabby pattern.

CREAM TABBY (TUV e 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of cream tabby pattern.

BLACK TORTIE TABBY (TUV f 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of black and red (dark and light shades) on a black tabby pattern.

BLUE TORTIE TABBY (TUV g 21)

Coat Colour: White with patches of blue-grey and cream (dark and light shades) on a blue-grey tabby pattern.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none.