

# NEVA MASQUERADE [NEM]

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## General

The Neva Masquerade is the pointed variety of the Siberian. The overall impression of the Neva Masquerade is of a medium to large cat of robust build with rounded contours to the torso and head; a 'bulldog' stance suggested by its strong chest and a dense semi-long all-weather coat. The slightly flatter upper eyelid affords a unique expression to the breed.

- Head:** Shape a little bit longer than broad, softly rounded, massive. Forehead broad, just slightly rounded. Cheekbones well developed, high set. Nose medium length, board, in profile shows a slight indentation, but without stop. Chin slightly slanting back, in profile creating a curve from the upper line of the nose.
- Ears:** Medium size, well open at the base, tips are rounded, with well-developed furnishings [horizontal] and tufts [vertical]. Ear set so that there is good width between and tilting slightly forward.
- Eyes:** Large slightly oval shaped. Set slightly oblique and widely apart.
- Body:** Structure well boned and muscled, powerful neck, broad chest, body in proportion to create a rectangular appearance.
- Legs and Feet:** Medium high, to form a rectangle with the body, strong. Large round paws, well tufted between toes.
- Tail:** Medium length, thick, with rounded tip. Covered on all sides by dense hair with no hairs trailing down.
- Coat:** Semi-long, well developed, very dense, undercoat not lying flat, overcoat water repellent, slightly hard to touch. Summer coat is distinctly shorter than the winter coat. The winter coat shows a well-developed shirtfront, full frill and knickerbockers.  
*For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*
- Remarks:** Females generally smaller than males.  
Blue eyes or odd eyes are only allowed for white or cats with white in van, bi-colour, or an unspecified amount of white.
- Faults:** Too small and finely built cats. Head long and narrow; straight profile, too round head (Persian type). Ears too large or too high set. Roundeyes.  
Legs too long or too thin. Tail too short. Coat too fine or silky; lying flat; lack of coat (except in summer).
- Withhold Challenge:** ~
- Disqualify:** ~

## SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	including shape, nose, profile and chin	25 points
Ears:	shape, size and placement	10 points
Eyes:	shape, and colour	10 points
Body:	shape, size, legs, shape of paws	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:	length and shape	5 points
Coat:	quality, texture, length	20 points
Colour:	colour and pattern	5 points
Condition:		5 points
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## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description

**Eye Colour:** Deep and pure blue as possible.

**Coat Colour:** All colours (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:** Pointed only. The points (mask, ears, legs and feet, and tail) must be as equal in colour density as possible. There must be a good contrast between points and body colour; this is important. Body colour gradually fades to a paler tone on chest and stomach. The mask should not extend over the head.

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

**Paw Pads:** In accordance with point colour.

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

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

**Interim note:** Golden and Bimetallic cats and kittens (tabby, tipped, and shaded varieties) should not be penalised for displaying evidence of the Corin wideband gene, including lack of nose liner and pink nose, and/or virtual whitening/off-white/ivory around the whisker pads and chin, neck, chest, belly, and toes. Bimetallic cats and kittens have silver coats with areas of gold. Paw pads and tail tip correspond to the cat's base colour.

**Faults:** Dark patches on flanks and stomach, stripes and brindling in points (except stripes in tabby varieties).

**Withhold Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** ~

## BREEDERS NOTES

*Allowable outcross: Siberian*