SIBERIAN *[SIB] (Standard Source: FIFe 2003)*

General

The overall impression of the Siberian 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, broad, 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. Round eyes.

Legs too long or too thin. Tail too short. Coat too fine or silky; lying flat; lack of coat (except in summer).

Withhold Challenge:

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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
		100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: All colours allowed, regardless of coat colour. Colour should be clear and uniform.

Coat Colour: All colours allowed [except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, apricot and amber] including 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].

[Note: pointed pattern recognised as Neva Masquerade]

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 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: ~

Withhold Challenge:

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Neva Masquerade