

RUSSIAN [RUS] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

General

The Russian is a medium to large cat of elegant foreign type. Its high set ears, green almond eyes, angled profile and prominent whisker pads create a distinctive gentle expression which together with its velvety double coat gives the breed its unique charm.

Head: Medium wedge, forehead & nose profile are of equal medium length and are both straight forming a two-plane profile at the brow. Skull (top of head) from the brow angle long and flat. (Mature male with jowls may be disguising the true wedge). The tip of the chin lining up with the tip of the nose on the same vertical plane, the chin should be strong and deep with a level bite. Broad muzzle with prominent whisker pads without whisker pinch or break. Neck long and graceful.

Ears: Large and rather pointed, wide at the base and set vertically to the head. An imaginary diagonal line can be drawn from the outer corner of the eye to the outside base edge of the ear. Space between the ears is an ears' width. There should be little inside hair with the ear appearing almost translucent.

Eyes: Almond in shape, quite large, wide set. Deep-set is undesirable.

Body: Long and graceful in outline and carriage well-muscled & with medium bone.

Legs and Feet: Long legs, small oval shaped paws.

Tail: Moderately long & in proportion to the body length, tapering being neither blunt ended or whip like.

Coat: It is double with a plush undercoat, it should be short, thick and very fine, standing away from the body.

The coat has a distinctive plush, soft and silky feel, the glimmer/sheen is due to the translucent tips of each hair shaft.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Kittens top of head may appear rounded as planes are under developed.

Faults: Cobby or thickset body; round or square head. Siamese type; tail thick at the base; flat-lying coat.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including ears</i>	25 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:		~ points
Body:	<i>including tail</i>	30 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:	<i>texture etc.</i>	20 points
Colour:	<i>coat (10), eyes (10)</i>	20 points
Condition:		5 points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: Vivid green.

Coat Colour: Only as listed below. Coat even in colour with silver or translucent tipping to each hair.

Coat Pattern: Solid only.

Remarks: White coated kittens allowed blue or black hairs or spots on head.

Faults: Yellowish tone to the eyes.

White: Any tendency to yellow in coat; dark hairs in adult coat.

Black: Rusty tinge or grey undercoat.

Black/Blue: White hairs, tabby markings.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

RUSSIAN BLUE (*RUS a*)

Coat Colour: Medium blue with a distinct silver sheen, no bars or dark shadings are permissible on an adult. Translucent tipping is due to the absence of pigment at the tips of the hair shaft, more evident around the paws & muzzle.

Nose Leather: Blue-grey.

Paw Pads: Blue-grey to dark lavender.

RUSSIAN WHITE (*RUS w*)

Coat Colour: White with a translucent sheen.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

RUSSIAN BLACK (*RUS n*)

Coat Colour: Dense, glossy, jet-black to the roots with a glistening sheen.

Nose Leather: Black.

Paw Pads: Black.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none