

NEBELUNG (NB)

HEAD	30 points
Shape	3
Eyes	5
Ears	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	3
Profile	10
Neck	2

BODY	35 points
Torso	5
Legs	5
Feet	5
Tail	10
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	35 points
Length	15
Texture	5
Pattern/Color	15

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: Solid.
COLOR: Blue.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
Russian Blue.

HEAD:
Shape: Modified wedge in good proportion to the body. More pointed than rounded, although longer hair may give a rounded look.
Eyes: Very slightly oval, of medium size and widely spaced.
Color: Green with yellow/green mixture allowed. In kittens, changing from yellow to green. Should show green halo around pupil by 8 months. As vividly green as possible at maturity, which could be at 2 years or more. The more richness and depth of color, the better.
Ears: Large and pointed, set to continue the modified wedge.
Chin: Straight line from the tip of the nose to the tip of the chin.
Muzzle: Medium length. Puffy whisker pads, which may give a pouty look in females. Allowance to be made for jowls in the stud cat. Nose pad is charcoal gray.
Profile: The forehead should appear straight to the level of the upper edge of the eye. The profile from here to the tip of the nose has such a shallow concave curve that it appears virtually straight. This creates a distinctive angle level with the upper edge of the eye. There must be no stop, break or nose bump, nor must there be a straight profile from the top of the head to nose tip. A straight line is seen from tip of the nose to the tip of the chin. These lines may be obscured by longer hair.

Neck: Long, gracefully slender, but may appear shorter because of dense fur.

BODY:
Torso: Should appear wellproportioned and athletic, semi foreign in type. The overall body structure is long and graceful with medium boning. The cat should appear neither rangy and leggy, nor cobby and short. Males are proportionately larger than females. Proportion and general balance is to be desired more than mere size.
Legs: Long with medium boning.
Feet: Medium-sized, well-rounded ovals with generous tufting between the toes. Appears to stand and walk on balls of feet.
Tail: Hair must be longer than on body. Length is in balance with the length of the body. Ideally, at least equal to the body length from rump to shoulder blades.
Musculature: Athletic, not bulky, and proportioned to carry the body length and weight. Both males and females should be well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:
Length: Medium-long over the body with increasing length from the shoulder area to tail. Males may display a neck ruff, but females to a lesser extent. Fur is longer on the tail. Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable.
Texture: A soft two-layered coat, suitable for all weather, resistant to water. Outer coat is fine and silky, semi-long over the body, beginning at the shoulders, where the coat is slightly shorter. Pantaloons on hind legs. Allowance for seasonal changes: winter coat is denser, fuller, longer and softer. Summer coat is less dense and tends to drape over the body. Adult coats may take up to 2 years to fully develop.
Color: Coat color is blue, sound to the roots, with a soft lustrous sheen. Silver tipping is desirable, but not mandatory. Often, silver tipping is only evident over the head and shoulders, since it is frequently covered by the outer coat on the rest of the body. Lighter shades of blue desirable but silver tipping may not be evident. Undercoat layer is very soft down, lighter blue in contrast to the guard hairs of the outer coat. May give appearance of being "shaded" when back brushed against the nap. Emphasis is to be on soundness of color, but not on individual hue. There should be no bias given to body color alone.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The goal of Nebelung breeding program is to produce a blue cat with the same type as those imported from Russia in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and to combine this type with a thick shimmering coat of medium length. The body and tail are long, the ears large in proportion to the head and the eyes range in color from yellowish green to green. Size is medium and the body well-muscled. The coat is medium long on the body, longer on the tail, with lighter colored guard hairs. The overall appearance is long, sturdy and well muscled.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length and texture. Ghost tabby markings permitted in kittens. In kittens and young adults: yellow eyes changing to green (green halo should be around pupil by 8 months). Allow for size differences between males and females. Jowling of mature males.

PENALIZE: Rangy or cobby body. Underweight, poor condition. Weak chin. Any white spots or lockets.

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* All breeds must to present a unchallenging temperament; the cat may show fear, seek to flee, or may complain aloud, but may not threaten to hurt. Any sign of definite threat shall disqualify.
Disqualifications: a cat that bites, a cat that shows evidence to deceive, adult whole males with not two descended testicles, cats with parts or whole tail missing or with tails faults (except the approved breeds), polydactyl cats (except the approved breeds), crossed eyes, total blindness, smaller size for the breed, depression of the sternum or usually small diameter of the rib cage itself.