

RUSSIAN BLUE (RB)

HEAD 33 points
Shape 15
Ears 5
Eyes 10
Neck 3

BODY 27 points
Torso 15
Tail 5
Legs 5
Feet 2

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 40 points
Color 20
Texture 20

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: Solid.
COLOR: Blue ONLY.
PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
None.

HEAD:
Shape: Modified Wedge with seven flat planes. The seven flat planes are: A vertical line from the tip of the nose to the bottom of the chin. The profile from the tip of the nose to the forehead. The flat top head from the front of the forehead back. Two planes in the muzzle (one on each side). Two planes formed by the high, wide cheekbones (one on each side).
Profile: Straight nose and flat forehead forming two planes.
Muzzle: Medium length.
Muzzle Break: None.
Skull: Top flat and narrow; forehead high.
Chin: Flat vertical plane from tip of nose to bottom of chin.
Ears: Almost as wide at base as tall; appear pointed; slightly rounded tips. Rather large, set far apart, as much on the side as top of head. The outside covered with short, fine hair and furnishings cover approximately ½ inside ear.
Eyes: Rather large, almost round, just oval enough to show oriental slant. Set far apart. Color is green in adults, with kittens changing from yellow to green.
Neck: Long, (but may appear shorter due to dense fur) and slender.

BODY:
Torso: Foreign.
Size: Males proportionally larger than females.
Length: Long.
Boning: Fine. Note: Cat will appear to be chunkier due to density of coat. Fine bones do not mean a small cat.

Musculature: Lithe, slender.
Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.
Legs: Long, fine-boned, firm and lithe.
Feet: Well-rounded, small, appears to stand and walk on tiptoe.
Tail: Long, straight, tapering from a rather thick base to slender tip.

COAT TEXTURE:
Length: Short.
Texture: Fine, soft, silky.
Density: Dense, plush double coat.

COLOR: Even bright blue throughout. Deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Guard hairs tipped with silver, with the deeper tipping preferred. This silver tipping is not due to the action of the Inhibitor (silver) gene. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Russian Blue is a distinctively elegant cat of foreign bodytype with an angular, modified wedge-shaped head consisting of seven flat planes. The slightly upturned corners of the mouth give a sweet smiling facial expression. Its most outstanding characteristic is its double coat: Short, silky and upstanding. Of a medium blue color with silver tipping of the guard hairs, the coat reflects light, giving a silvery sheen to the fur. Silver-tipped guard hairs should contrast against solid blue ground color when the hair is stroked against the grain. The coat is an even bright blue throughout, with deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens. The nose leather is charcoal gray; paw pads rose flesh pink. The eyes are as vividly green as possible at maturity. Russian Blue kitten eyes change rapidly through yellow to green. By 4 months, a green ring should appear around the pupil. Cats whose eyes are not completely vivid green should be penalized, the amount determined by the quantity and vividness of green as well as by the age of the cat. No green in eyes—full penalty. Russian Blues are gentle and shy, with soft, sweet voices.

PENALIZE: Weak chin, eye color not completely green. Full penalty for eyes with no green.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
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.