

TURKISH ANGORA (TA)

HEAD 40 points
Shape 9
Eyes 4
Ears 12
Chin 2
Muzzle 2
Profile 5
Neck 4
Nose 2

BODY 40 points
Torso 9
Legs/Feet 9
Tail 8
Boning 9
Musculature 5

COAT/COLOR 15 points
Coat 10
Color 5

OTHER 5 points
Balance 5

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

None.

HEAD:

Shape: Small to medium sized, smooth, slightly modified wedge, with flat planes.

Eyes: Large, walnut shaped. Slanting slightly upward, with an open expression. There is no relationship between eye color and coat color, but clarity and uniformity are paramount.

Ears: Large, wide at base, tufted, and slightly pointed. Set high on the head, vertical and erect .

Chin: Firm, gently rounded, with tip perpendicular to the nose.

Muzzle: Should be a continuation of the smooth lines of the wedge.

Profile: Consists of two planes formed by the flat top head and the line of the nose meeting at an angle slightly above the eyes.

Neck: Slim, graceful, medium in length.

BODY:

Torso: Long and slender, foreign in type. Shoulders should be the same width as the hips.

Mediumsized.

Narrow chest. Rump slightly higher than shoulders.

Legs/Feet: Long. Hind legs longer than front legs. Feet are small, oval and in proportion with legs. Toe tufts are desirable.
Tail: Tapering from a wide base to a narrow end. Long in proportion to body. With full plume.
Musculature: Firm.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Semi-longhair with slight undercoat; appearing to be singlecoated.

Medium-long on the body.

Texture: Silky and fine, with little undercoat; wavy on stomach.

OTHER:

Balance: Proportionate in all physical aspects with a graceful, lithe appearance. This means that the combination of the long body, legs and tail with neck, head, and ears should look as though they fit together and give an impression of gentle flowing motion.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The ideal Turkish Angora is a perfectly balanced, graceful creature with a fine, silky coat. When you handle it, you are struck by the contrast between the soft flowing coat and the surprisingly firm, long muscular body beneath it. The Angora is a very intelligent, active and inquisitive breed that responds best to firm, but gentle handling. In judging the Turkish Angora, refinement is more important than size. This should especially be taken into consideration when comparing males to females.

ALLOWANCES: Allowances should be made for the following in mature male cats: jowls, a slightly broader head, and a slightly wider ear set. Adult males may be larger than adult females. Kittens and young adults may not be in full coat until after their first winter and the britches and ruff may take 2-3 years to develop. Kittens may have a growth bump on the ridge/forehead or the end of their nose. Gentle slope in profile. Lockets.

PENALIZE: Coarseness in any feature; broad chest, hips, or shoulders; heavy boning. Break in profile. Pronounced whisker pads or pinch.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
Cobby body type. Oriental head or body type.

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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.