

RAGDOLL

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Head = 40 pts

Shape: 20

Eyes (shape and colour): 10

Ears: 5

Profile: 5

Body = 30 pts

Torso: 10

Boning: 5

Musculature: 5

Legs: 5

Tail: 5

Coat and texture = 30 pts

Length and texture: 10

Colour and pattern: 20

Colours

Category: pointed

Divisions: Solid, tabby, silver/smoke, solid and white, tabby and white, silver/smoke and white (mitted, bicolour and van patterns for the particolor divisions)

Colours: all pointed colours

NB: *The van patterned Ragdoll is allowed in new colour (NC) only. The new colours are eligible to be shown in LOOF sanctioned shows but do not earn title certificates nor take part in the Best in Show. They are judged and can earn an excellent if the subject presented is of sufficient merit.*

Permissible crosses

Ragdoll x Ragdoll

Introduction

Created by a Californian breeder in the 1960s, the Ragdoll is a semi-long haired colourpoint cat. His peaceful character combined to an impressive size has spilled much ink about his origins and explains his name, Rag-doll.

Head: the shape of the head is a modified wedge, equilateral in shape, with rounded contours. The area between the ears seems flat, when facing. The profile shows rounded skull and forehead, then a slight curve leading to a straight nose. ("slide" called profile).

Muzzle: medium in length, well developed, rounded and strong.

Eyes: rather large, oval, they are slightly slanted without being oriental. Intense blue.

Ears: medium-sized, continuing the line of wedge, they are large at base with rounded tips. Slightly tilted forward when seen from the side.

Neck: short, strong and powerful.

Body: long and powerful, the body is rectangular in shape with a broad and full chest. Equal width across shoulders and hindquarters. The Ragdoll is heavy but not fat. A belly pouch is acceptable.

Legs: moderately long, in proportion to the rectangle of the body, the legs are heavily boned and strongly muscled.

Feet: round and large, feather-tufted.

Tail: long, ideally to shoulder blades. Thicker at base, with full plume.

Coat: semi-long and silky, abundant guard hair with little undercoat. Ruff, from back of ears down to neck, appreciated. Fur is short and dense on front legs, longer on hind legs, even forming britches.

Colour:

COLOURPOINT PATTERN:

Points: ears, mask, feet and tail show base colour of the cat, darker than body and as even as possible.

Body: colour of body from eggshell to milky-white according to colour of points. Chest, bib and chin may be somewhat lighter in colour. Small shadings allowed on body.

MITTED PATTERN:

Points: ears, mask, legs, except paws, and tail show base colour of the cat, darker than body and as even as possible. May have white blaze, on nose and/or between eyes, broken or not, not to reach nose leather. Chin must be white. Front feet: white mittens on both feet, evenly matched, going around the wrist joint.

Back legs: white must go up to and around the hocks entirely, extending no higher than mid-thigh. No colour markings in white.

Body: colour from eggshell to milky-white according to colour of points. Chin must be white, extending into white belly stripe, varying in width from the bib, chest, between the forelegs down the midline of the underside of the cat to the base of the tail.

BICOLOUR PATTERN:

Points: ears, mask and tail show point colour of the cat, darker than body and as even as possible.

White inverted "V" on face not to extend between the outer edge of the eye on either side. "V" to be as symmetrical as possible. Nose leather is pink.

Body: colour from eggshell to milky-white according to colour of points. Chest, underside, legs and feet are white. Upper body may show white spotting.

VAN PATTERN:

Points: point colour restricted to ears, upper part of the mask and tail. Nose leather is pink.

Body: white, except a few eggshell to milky-white minor spotting, not to exceed 20% of the body, including head and tail.

Allowances

Length of coat and density of undercoat following seasonal changes, a shorter coat during the summer period should not be penalized. Colour of coat is darker on older cats. Important shades or contrasts in white markings should not be penalized in mature cats.

Penalize

Round or small eyes.

Roman nose, stop.

Pointed ears.

Short legs.

Cobby body.

Mitted pattern: dark markings on white mittens, colour on neck or spotting on white belly stripe.

White on ears or tail.

Bicolour pattern: white on ears or tail, colour on belly or any white area.

Van pattern: more than 20% colour on body or total absence of point colour.

Withhold all awards

Light boning.

Lack of boning and musculature.

Any eye colour other than blue.

Short coat.

Colourpoint pattern: white locket or spots.

Mitted pattern: lack of white chin.

Bicolour pattern: dark markings on white mask.

General show penalties and withholdings.