

ASIAN Breed Group (AIS, AIL)



The Asian Group is the name used for cats of Burmese type that come in other coat colours and patterns and, in the case of the Asian Longhair a different coat length.

The cats of the Asian Group are elegant cats of medium size and foreign type; the overall type should be the same as the Burmese cat (BU). Any tendency to Siamese or Persian type or the cobbiness of the British is not permissible. In character they are alert, active and intelligent with a very friendly disposition. All colors but pointed, mink and sepia. We will accept solids. A solid black is a black Asian if has an Asian pedigree.

Head:...35 points
Shape.....15
Ears.....5
Eye shape & set 10
Eye colour & rims 5

Body:.....25
Torso.....10
Legs & feet10
Tail.....5

Other:.....10 points
Condition.....5
Temperament.....5

Coat:.....30 points
colour & pattern AIS..20
Length & texture AIS...10
Colour & pattern AIL ..10
Length & texture AIL...20

Category: Traditional
Division: Solid, Silver/
Smoke, Tabby
Colors: All

HEAD:

Shape: Forms a short balanced wedge with width at the cheekbones, tapering to a blunt muzzle and showing good width at the jaw-hinge. The top of the head should be gently rounded between the ears, which are set well apart. In profile the head should show a good depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw, the brow should curve gently to the bridge of the nose with a distinct nose break; the nose should be straight with the tip of the nose leather in line with the chin. The chin should be firm and of good depth, and the bite level and even. The head, elegantly carried on a neck of medium thickness, should be in proportion to the body.

Ears: Medium to large in size, broad at the base with rounded tips and set well apart so that the outer line of the ears continues the angle of the upper part of the face to produce a butterfly-wing outline from the front. In profile the ears should have a slight forward tilt. Ear tufts and streamers are preferable in the Asian Longhair. Allowance should be made for correctly shaped but over-large ears in kittens where the head size and shape is still developing.

The eyes may be any colour from yellow through to green, depending on the variety. In the Silvers, green is preferred.

Eyes: Large and lustrous and set wide apart, the top lid forms a slight curve slanted towards the nose, the lower lid is fuller and more rounded; overall the eye shape and set is distinctive, giving a unique expression typical to the Asian and Burmese breeds.

BODY:

Torso: Slender and of medium length and size, it should feel hard, lithe and muscular and heavier than its appearance indicates. The back should be straight from shoulder to rump. The chest should be generous and gently rounded but not disproportionately broad.

Legs and Feet: The legs should be slender, elegant and in proportion to the body, of medium length with the hind legs slightly longer than the front legs, paws neat and oval in shape.

Tail: Medium to long, to balance the body, carried proud and of medium thickness, tapering slightly to a rounded tip. The length should be sufficient for the tip to reach the shoulder when the tail is brought gently around the side of the body.

COAT:

The coat of the Asian Shorthair should be short, fine and

lie close to the body, the texture should be smooth and satinlike with a glossy appearance.

The Asian Longhair should have a fine and silky coat, medium long, except over the shoulders and without a woolly undercoat. Reds, Creams and Apricots may show "freckles" on the nose, paw pads, lips, eye rims and ears.

CONDITION & TEMPERAMENT:

The Asian should be an even-tempered cat. Any extreme or aggressive temperament should not be encouraged by breeding and should be penalised by Judges on the show bench.

PENALIZE:

Distinct muzzle pinch in adults
Flat or dished brows
Nose showing distinct bump in adults
Nose leather falling away markedly
Extremes of coat colour

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

White markings anywhere, other than those referred to in the colour description
Too British, Siamese or Persian in type
Coat in Asian Shorthairs too thick, or in Asian Longhairs too shaggy, i.e. with excessive undercoat
Protuberant, round or oriental shaped eyes
Noticeably small or close-set eyes
Lack of weight or condition
Small or fine-boned adults
Any defect as listed in the preface to this SOP document