

## Russian

<b>HEAD</b>	Short wedge with flat skull; straight profile. Prominent whisker pads.
<b>EARS</b>	Large and pointed, wide at base, set vertically to the head. Skin of ears thin and translucent, with sparse inside furnishing
<b>EYES</b>	Set rather wide apart, almond in shape
<b>CHIN</b>	Firm chin
<b>BODY</b>	Long and graceful in outline and carriage. Medium strong bone, and well muscled
<b>LEGS</b>	Long
<b>PAWS</b>	Small and oval
<b>TAIL</b>	Fairly long and tapering. Neither blunt-ended nor whippy
<b>COAT</b>	Short, thick, very fine, soft and silky, with plush-like texture. Very different from any other breed. Coat is double and has a lustrous appearance. Areas of shorter fur show a distinct silver sheen. The texture and appearance of the coat are the truest criteria of the breed.
<b>EYE COLOUR</b>	Vivid Green

### SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Head shape</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Ears</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Body and Tail</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Coat texture</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Colour:</b>	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Coat</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Condition</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Temperament</b>		<b>5</b>
		<b>100</b>

### FAULTS

#### Major awards may be withheld, depending on the degree of the faults:

- Siamese type.
- Square head.
- Round head.
- Weak chin and / or uneven bite.
- Yellowish tone to eyes.
- Cobby or thickset body.
- Tail thick at base.
- Flat lying coat.
- White hairs in the coat of the Russian Blue and Russian Black.
- Coat must be free of tabby markings and shadings in the Blue Russian.
- Coat must show no trace of yellow or dark hair or shading of any kind in the White Russian.
- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

## **Russian Coat Colours**

### **Blue**

**Coat Colour** Medium blue preferred. Sound and even throughout, free from tabby markings and shadings. Areas of shorter fur show a distinct silvery sheen.

**Nose Leather:** Blue

**Pad Colour:** Blue or pinkish blue

### **White**

**Coat Colour** Pure white with no trace of yellow or dark hairs or shading of any kind. Crystal sheen required.

Young kittens may show a blue shading on the head, ranging from a few hairs to quite a patch. This usually disappears with age and should not be penalised at this time; it is a definite fault in an adult cat.

**Nose Leather:** Pink

**Pad Colour** Pink

### **Black**

**Coat Colour** Jet Black, even and solid to the roots

**Nose leather:** Black or dark brown

**Pad colour:** Black or dark brown

**Allowable Outcross Breeds:** None

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