

THE KORAT (KOR, formerly 34)

STANDARD OF POINTS

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD	Foreign type of medium build, firm, lithe and muscular, never large or coarse. The body to be of a medium length, with a medium tapering tail. Females are more dainty in appearance, but should not be undersized. The two most distinctive features of the Korat should be its large, round eyes and the coat's silvery sheen. The Korat can be a very vocal cat, but this does not usually indicate aggression.
HEAD	When viewed from the front the head is heart-shaped, with breadth between and across eyes, gently curving to a well-developed, neither strongly pointed nor square muzzle. Forehead large, flat.
EARS	Large with rounded tip and large flare at base, set high on head, giving an alert expression. Inside ears sparsely furnished.
EYE SHAPE	Wide open and oversized for the face eye aperture, which appears as well-rounded when fully open, but has Asian slant when closed or partially closed.
EYE COLOUR	Brilliant green, but amber cast acceptable. Kittens and adolescents up to two years have yellow or amber to amber-green eyes.
NOSE	Short and with slight downward curve. In profile there is a slight stop between forehead and nose.
CHIN & JAW	Strong.
BODY	Medium sized body, strong, muscular and semi-cobby. Medium bone structure, males powerful, females should be smaller and dainty. Back carried in a gentle curve.
LEGS & PAWS	Legs should be well-proportioned to body and paws oval. Five toes in front, four behind.
TAIL	Tail medium in length, heavier at the base, tapering to a rounded tip
COAT	Single, hair is short to medium in length, glossy and fine, lying close to the body. The coat over the spine is inclined to break as the cat moves.
CONDITION	Perfect physical condition, muscular, alert appearance.

COLOUR	Any shade of blue all over, tipped with silver, the more silver tipping the better. Without shading or tabby markings. Allowance should be made for ghost tabby markings in kittens. When the coat is short the silver sheen is intensified. <u>Soundness to the roots is irrelevant. Tabby markings, whilst undesirable, may be evident, but should not unduly penalise an otherwise good exhibit.</u> Silver tipping develops throughout kitten-hood and adolescence to full intensity at about two years old. Nose leather and lips, dark blue or lavender. Paw pads, dark blue ranging to lavender with pinkish tinge.		
SCALE OF POINTS	TOTAL 100		
HEAD (20)	Broad 5 Breadth between eyes 4	Profile 6 Ear set & placement 5	
EYES (15)	Shape & placement 15		
BODY (25)	Body 15	Legs & feet 5	Tail 5
COAT (10)	Short 4	Close-lying 2	Texture 4
COLOUR (25)	Body colour 20	Eye colour 5	
CONDITION (5)	Overall condition 5		
WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS FOR:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. White marks or spots 2. Weak chin and uneven bite (allowance may be made for teething in kittens) 		
WITHHOLD CERTIFICATES OR FIRST PIZES IN KITTEN BREED CLASSES FOR:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scattered white hairs 2. Incorrect eye colour 3. Any tabby markings in the coat 4. Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOP booklet. 		

Rationale: The deletion and additional wording brings the Korat SOP into line with the Thai SOP. It was thought this coat colour description is preferable for clarity, and as it allows for greater judge discretion.