



NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT
BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Norwegian Forest Cat (Breed 67)

Revised Standard of Points – Valid from ~~1st June 2004~~TBA

General Type Standard

The Norwegian Forest Cat is a large, heavy boned, yet elegant semi-longhaired cat, the most important features being type and coat quality. Originating in harsh natural conditions, the breed became an outdoor working cat on Norwegian Farms. The appearance of the Norwegian Forest Cat should reflect this natural heritage.

The Norwegian Forest Cat matures slowly, and full development of the cat and its coat can take up to four years. A distinctive double coat is required. Coat colour is irrelevant. A cat should not be penalised if apparently wrongly registered, as there are no points for colour.

The cat should have an alert expression, be in good general condition and well presented.

Head	<u>Good sized head with slightly rounded forehead.</u> Triangular, where all sides are equal. With good height to the slightly rounded forehead. Long straight profile <u>from the tip of the nose to the brow without a break in line.</u> When viewed from the front, the width at the nasal bridge, compared to the tip of the nose should gently taper to reflect the sides of the head. Forehead slightly rounded. Strong chin.
Ears	Large, not rounded, with good width at base. Ear placement high and open set so that the lines of the ears follow the line of the head down to the chin. With Lynx-like tufts and long hair out of the ears.
Eyes	Large, oval, well opened, obliquely set and alert expression. All colours allowed.
Body	Big and strongly built, long and muscular with solid bone structure. Having a deep chest and powerful neck.
Legs and Paws	High on legs, with back legs longer than front legs. Paws large and round, in proportion to the legs. Tufts of fur between toes.
Tail	Long, bushy, and bushy well furnished with visible guard hairs, should reach at least to the shoulder blades, but and be in balance with the body. preferably to the neck.
Coat	Semi-long. The <u>dense</u> woolly undercoat being covered by a smooth, water repellent overcoat; which consists of long, coarser and glossy guard hairs covering the back, sides and tail. A fully coated cat has a shirtfront, a full ruff and knickerbockers. (-A shorter coat in summer is acceptable).
Colours	All listed colours are allowed (except Chocolate, Lilac, Apricot, Caramel, Cinnamon, Fawn and Siamese pattern). Any amount of white is allowed, i.e. white on paws, chest, belly or blaze, locket etc.

Scale of Points

- Head:-** including general shape, length of nose, profile, chin. **20 Points**
- Ears:-** including shape and placement. **10 Points**
- Eyes:-** including shape, size. **10 Points**
- Body:-** including overall shape, size, bone, legs, feet and paws. **25 Points**
- Tail:-** including length and fur **10 Points**

Coat:- including quality and texture, length. **25 Points**

Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Open Classes:

1. Cobby, small or delicate build
2. Break (stop) in profile

- 3. Very prominent nose bump
- ~~2-4.~~ Deeply concave or obviously convex profile line
- ~~3-5.~~ Round or square head
- ~~4-6.~~ Short tail (~~not in balance with the body~~)~~not reaching to back of shoulder blades~~
- ~~5-7.~~ Dry, knotted or too soft a coat
- ~~6-8.~~ Short legs
- 9. Round Eyes
- ~~7-10.~~ Small Ears
- ~~8-11.~~ Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOP booklet.

Fault: ~~Small ears~~