

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT (NFO)



Scale of Points

Head – including general shape, length of nose, profile and chin	20
Ears – including shape and placement	10
Eyes - including shape and size	10
Body – including overall shape, size, boning, legs, feet and paws	25
Tail – including length and fur	10
Coat – including quality, texture and length	25

General Type Standard

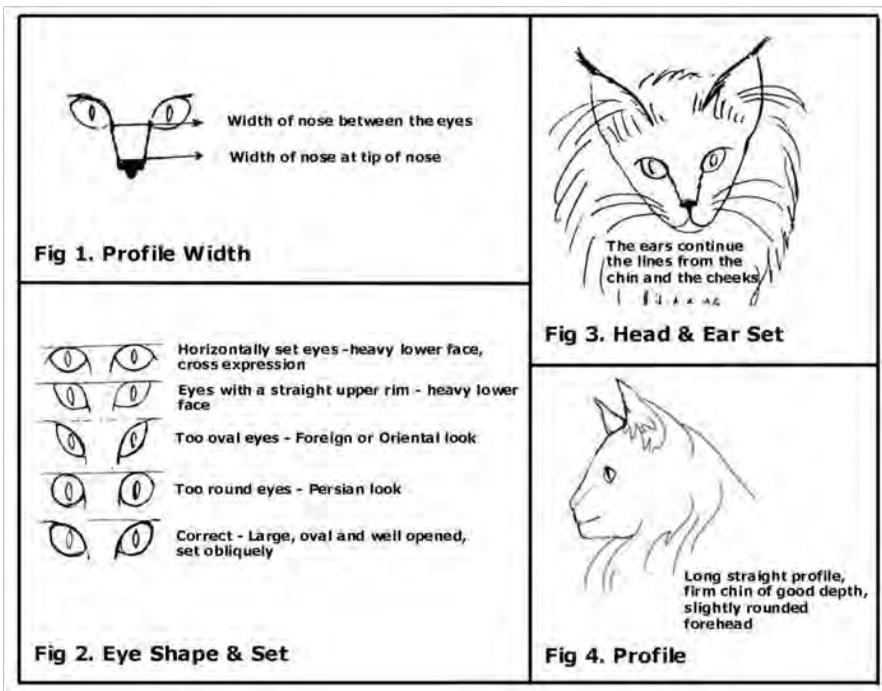
The Norwegian Forest Cat is a large, heavy boned, yet elegant semi-longhaired cat. The most important features being type and coat quality. Originating in harsh natural conditions, the breed became an outdoor working cat on Norwegian farms. The appearance of the Norwegian Forest Cat should reflect this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

The Norwegian Forest Cat matures slowly, with full development of the cat and its coat taking 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	Good sized head with slightly rounded forehead. Triangular, where all sides are equal. Long straight profile from the tip of the nose to the brow without a break in line. 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. 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 & 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, well furnished with visible guard hairs, should reach at least to the shoulder blades and be in balance with the body.
Coat	Semi-long. The dense 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.



Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Open Classes for:

1. Cobby, small or delicate build
2. Break (stop) in profile
3. Very prominent nose bump
4. Deeply concave or obviously convex profile line
5. Round or square head
6. Short tail (not in balance with the body)
7. Dry, knotted or too soft a coat
8. Short legs
9. Round eyes
10. Small ears
11. Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOP document