

BREED CODE: KOR – KORAT

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Korat is a rare cat even in Thailand, its country of origin, and because of its unusually fine disposition, is greatly loved by the Thai people who regard it as a 'good luck' cat. Its general appearance is of a silver blue cat with a heavy silver sheen, medium sized, hard bodies, and muscular. All smooth curves with huge, prominent eyes, brilliant, alert and expressive. Perfect physical condition, alert appearance.

- Head:** When viewed from the front, or looking down from just back of the head, the head is heart shaped with breadth between and across the eyes. The eyebrow ridges forming the upper curves of the heart, and the sides of the face gently curving down to the chin to complete the heart shape.
- Nose:** In profile there is a slight stop between nose and forehead, and tip of nose just above leather has a lion-like downward curve. Undesirable: Nose that appears long in proportion to head, or nose that appears short enough to give the head a squashed down look.
- Nose Leather and Lips:** Dark blue or lavender.
- Chin & Jaw:** Strong and well-developed, making a balancing line for the profile and properly completing the heart shape. Neither overly squared nor sharply pointed, nor a weak chin that gives the head a pointed look.
- Ears:** Large, with a rounded tip and large flare at base, set high on head, giving an alert expression. Inside ears sparsely furnished. Hairs on outside of ears extremely short and close.
- Eyes:** Large and luminous. Particularly prominent with an extraordinary depth and brilliance. Wide open and oversized for the face. Eye aperture, which shows as well-rounded when fully open, has an Asian slant when closed or partially closed. Undesirable: Small or dull looking eyes.
- Eye Colour:** Luminous green preferred, amber cast acceptable. Kittens and adolescents have yellow or amber to amber-green eyes. Colour is not usually true until the cat is mature, usually two to four years of age.
- Body:** Semi-cobby (that is neither short coupled like the Manx nor long like the Siamese), muscular, supple, with a feeling of hard-coiled 'spring' power and unexpected weight. Back carried in a curve. Males, renowned in Thailand for their prowess as fighters, must look the part – powerful and fit. Females should be smaller and dainty, medium and curved describes the body size and shape.

Legs:	Well proportioned to body. Distance along back from nape of neck to base of tail appears to be equal to distance from base of tail to floor. Front legs slightly shorter than back legs.
Paws:	Oval. Toes, five in front and four behind.
Paw Pads:	Dark blue ranging to lavender with a pinkish tinge.
Tail:	Medium in length, heavier at the base, tapering to a rounded tip. Non-visible kink permitted.
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.
Colour:	Silver blue all over, tipped with silver, the more silver tipping the better. Without shading or tabby markings. Where the coat is short, the sheen of the silver is intensified.
Undesirable:	Coats with silver tipping on only the head, legs and feet.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	Broad Head	5	
	Profile	5	
	Breadth Between Eyes	5	
	Ear Set & Placement	5	
	Chin & Jaw	3	23
Eyes	Size	5	
	Shape	5	
	Placement	5	15
Body	Torso	15	
	Legs & Feet	5	
	Tail	5	25
Coat	Short	4	
	Texture	4	
	Close Lying	4	12
Colour	Body Colour	20	
	Eye Colour	5	25
	Total		<u>100</u>

Disqualify:

1. Visible kink.
2. Incorrect number of toes.
3. White spot or locket.
4. Any colour but silver blue.