

## **BREED CODE: BAL – BALINESE**

### **GENERAL TYPE STANDARD**

The Balinese is a semi-longhaired cat, derived from the Siamese breed. The Balinese cat should be a beautifully balanced animal, with head, ears and neck carried on a long, svelte body, supported on fine legs and feet, with tail in proportion.

The head and profile should be wedge shaped, neither round nor pointed. The mask complete, connected by tracings with the ears (except in kittens), the eyes a deep blue; a green tinge to be considered a fault. The expression should be one of alertness and intelligence.

It should be noted that in all colours, kittens may not show full masking, or the full adult colour on legs and tail. This should not be considered a fault.

Due to the coat length, the Balinese appears to have softer lines and less extreme type. There is less contrast between the point and body colour than the Siamese. However, the type and colour of the body, points and eyes conform in all respects to the Siamese standard. The long hair may diffuse, but never conceal, the Siamese type.

- Head and Ears**      Head long and well proportioned, carried upon an elegant neck, with width between ears, narrowing in perfectly straight lines to a fine muzzle, with a straight profile and firm chin in line with the upper jaw. Ears large and pricked, wide at base, with the outer edges continuing the line of the wedge.
- Eyes**                      Oriental in shape and slanting towards the nose, but with width between. No tendency to squint.
- Eye Colour**              Sealpoint and derivatives – clear brilliant deep blue. All others – clear bright vivid blue.
- Points**                      Mask, ears, feet and tail: dense and clearly defined colour, matching in basic colour on all points, showing clear contrast between points and body colour. Mask complete and (except in kittens) connected by tracings with the ears.
- Body and Tail**              Medium in size, body long and svelte, legs proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than the front, feet small and oval, tail long and tapering. The body, legs, feet, head and tail all in proportion, giving the whole a well balanced appearance.

**Coat Length  
and Texture**

Semi-long, fine and silky in texture, without undercoat. It will normally be shorter on the head and shoulders. It is not desirable to have any tendency towards a frill in the neck or throat area. Fine ear furnishings are preferred. Ear tufts may occur. The coat lies mainly flat along the body, but is feathery along the under parts and britches. The tail plume should be long and feathery. **Note:** Kittens may be slow to develop adult coat length.

**Colour**

All recognized Siamese colours and patterns are allowed and the Balinese should conform to those individual colour standards.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head</b>	<b>25</b>
Incl. size and shape of eyes, ear shape and set.	
<b>Body Type</b>	<b>25</b>
Incl. shape, size, bone and length of tail.	
<b>Coat</b>	
Texture	<b>10</b>
Condition	<b>5</b>
Colour	<b>20</b>
<b>Eye Colour</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Faults which should not militate against an otherwise good exhibit:**

1. Stud damage on a queen.
2. Jowls in males.
3. Tail slightly kinked at the extremity.

### **Withhold challenge certificate or first place in kitten classes for:**

1. An obvious receding or protruding jaw.
2. White toe or toes (except in bicolour or van).
3. Point and body colour which does not adhere to the standard set for the particular colour.
4. Incorrect eye colour.
5. Permanent squint in eye or eyes. (Definition of a squint: When the eyes are so placed they appear to look permanently at the nose.)
6. Any kink not at extremity of tail.
7. Lack of Siamese type.
8. Lack of plumed tail.
9. Definite double coat (i.e., woolly undercoat).

