

BREED CODE: RUS – RUSSIAN

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Russian is a cat of elegant foreign type of medium strong bone and a long body. Its high ears, green almond shaped eyes, angled profile and prominent whisker pads create a distinctive genteel expression which together with its essential velvety, double coat gives the breed its unique charm.

- Head:** Medium wedge with a flat skull and forehead a straight nose, high cheek bones. The whisker pads are prominent giving a broad end to the head. In profile the forehead and nose are straight forming an angle where they meet, this creates a distinctive angle level with the upper edge of the eye. The chin should be strong and deep with a level bite.
- Ears:** Large, with slightly rounded tips, wide at the base, set vertically to the head. The skin of the ears is thin, with very little inside furnishings.
- Eyes:** Medium sized, almond shape, slanting towards the nose. The eyes are as vividly green as possible at maturity (this can take up to two years)
- Body:** Neck, long elegant and in proportion to the body & head. Long & graceful in outline & carriage – medium strong boned, well muscled. Males are generally larger than female.
- Legs and Feet:** Long with medium boning in proportion to the body, small and oval paws.
- Tail:** Long, and in proportion to the body. Thicker at the base tapering, neither blunt ended or whippy. Ghost barring, although not desirable, is allowable and shall not militate against an otherwise good exhibit.
- Coat:** The coat is double with a very dense undercoat. The hair texture is very fine short and soft with no harsh feel to it. The feel of the coat is very different from any other breed and the truest criterion of the Russian.
- Temperament:** We are looking for an even tempered and unchallenging disposition.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head & Neck	15
Ears	10
Eyes shape	5
Eye Colour	10
Body	10
Legs & Paws	5
Tail	5
Coat Length & Texture	10
Coat Condition	5
Colour	15
Temperament	10
Total	<u>100</u>

Penalise:

Straight Profile

Nose bump, stop or break

Narrow tapered nose

Square head

Tabby markings or barring on adults (except on the tail)

Eyes – small or close set, deep set or round

Withhold:

Cobby or heavy build

Any resemblance to Siamese type

Woolly coarse or wiry coat texture

Flat coat

White hairs or patches (except whites)

Dark Patches on head or whites acceptable up to 1 year old

Any sign of threat to harm shall disqualify either as UTH or Fractious

Eye Colour other than green (except in kittens)

N.B Adults Cats under 2 years of age should not be penalised for incomplete eye colour.

COLOUR CHARTS

NO:	Colour	Coat Colour	Nose Leather & pads	Faults:
RUS	Black	Jet black and sound to the roots. Slight rusty tinge allowed in kittens but not in adults.	Black.	White anywhere.
RUSA	Blue	Clear blue, even throughout and in maturity free from tabby markings or shadings, with a distinct silvery sheen. Medium blue is preferred.	Blue. Pads not necessarily as blue as nose leather. Pinkish-lavender pads acceptable in kittens.	White anywhere.
RUSW	White	Pure white, even throughout, and in maturity free from tabby markings or shadings.	Pink.	

