

BREED CODE - TUV: TURKISH VAN

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Turkish Van is a solidly built semi-longhaired cat with great breadth to the chest. The strength and power of the cat is evident in its substantial body and legs. The breed takes a full 3 – 5 years to reach full maturity and development and males usually take longer therefore allowances must be made for age and sex. Despite age and sex, as adults individuals should convey an overall impression of a well balanced and well proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes. Turkish Vans are very intelligent and alert cats and, as such, feel more secure and handle better with all four feet on a solid surface. The breed is known for its unique distinctive pattern e.g. a chalk white cat with colour confined to the head and tail.

Head: The head which is a substantially broad wedge shape-(broader in males) and semi broad in females. Being minimally as long as it is broad. The muzzle is neat and rounded and in balance to the head, there is a definite whisker break. Bite is even, chin is rounded and in a straight line with upper lip. The face should not look foxy. The cheek bones are high, and the profile is sculpted with a dip at eye level. Nose has a downward curve. There are no sharp angles to the head. The neck is medium short and muscular. Allowance for jowling in the males.

Ears: The ears are large in size and set relatively high on the head and flare gently. Height being equal to the width between them. Ears turn slightly to the side in set.

Eyes: Eyes large and oval, set slightly oblique midway in the face. Alert and expressive.

Body: Moderately long, sturdy, broad muscular and deep chested. Mature males should exhibit marked muscular development in the neck and shoulders. The shoulders should be at least as broad as the head and flow into the well rounded ribcage and then onto a muscular hip and pelvic area.

Legs and Feet: Moderately long, muscular legs. They are set well apart and taper to rounded moderately large feet. Legs and feet should be in proportion to the body.

Tail: Long, but in proportion to the body, with a brush appearance. Tail hair length is in keeping with the semi long coat length.

Coat: Semi-long with a cashmere like texture, soft to the roots with no trace of undercoat. Due to the extremes in climate of their native region, the breed carries two distinctive coat lengths and allowances must be made for seasonal coat. The summer coat is short, conveying the appearance of a shorthair, the winter coat is substantially longer and thicker. The neck ruff and full brush tail become more pronounced with age. The above description is that of an adult, allowances must be made for short coats and tail hair on kittens and young adults.

**Nose Leather
& Paw Pads:** Pink.

Eye Colour: Rims pink.
1. Light Amber
2. Blue eyed
3. Odd eyed – one light amber, the other blue with equal colour depth in both eyes.

Colour: Glistering chalk white body with no trace of yellow. Colour markings confined to the head and tail desirable. One or more random markings are permissible. Random markings should not be of a size or number to detract from the body colour. It is desirable to have the white running up the nose to at least between the front edge of the ears which must be white. If there is a patch on the rump, it is to extend to cover the whole tail.

Penalise: Any evidence towards extremes (e.g. short cobbiness, or svelte fine boning)
Kinked or abnormal tail.
Flat profile
Sharp features (foxy)
Adverse temperament

Disqualify: Faults already listed in “For the Guidance of Judges”.
Persian body type.
Total absence of any colour on head or tail
Definite nose break

SCALE OF POINTS

HEAD	Shape, size, balance Ears - shape, size, balance Eyes – shape, size, balance Eye Colour	35
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BODY	Shape, size ,bone Legs/ feet-shape, size, bone Tail – shape, size, bone	30
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COAT	Coat, colour, condition	35
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Total	100
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COLOUR CHARTS

COLOUR: Auburn equals warm red

REMARKS: The auburn patches are often more barred than solid. The tail is faintly ringed.

BREED NO	COLOUR	BREED NO	COLOUR
TUV	Auburn	TUV /3	Odd-Eyed Auburn
TUV /2	Blue Eyed Auburn		

COLOUR: The description is the same as for the Auburn Turkish Van except that auburn is replaced by cream.

CREAM: Buff cream that gives a powdered effect.

BREED NO	COLOUR	BREED NO	COLOUR
TUV G	Cream	TUV G/3	Odd-Eyed Cream
TUV G/2	Blue Eyed Cream		

AOC Turkish Van (Any other Colour/Pattern Turkish Van)

NO CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES