

Korat

The silver-tipped blue cat with the Thai Passport



Acknowledgements

Thank you to the Korat Breed Council members who brought their cats to the annual.

Thank you to the judges who have attended our presentation (the last time the Korat was presented for the workshop was June 20, 1990)

50th Anniversary

Korat

1959 - 2009



Thank you to Jean Johnson, who imported the first 2 Korats into the United States 50 years ago this year (1959) – brother and sister – Nara and Dara.

50th Anniversary

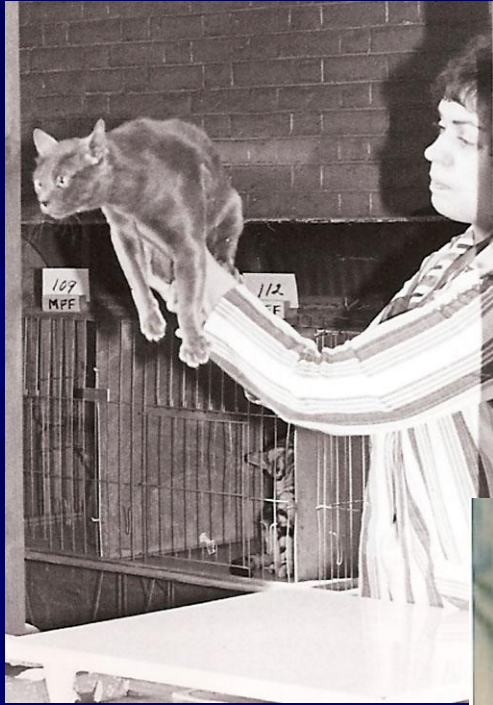
Korat

1959 - 2009



Special thanks and recognition to Daphne Negus, who in 1969 travelled to Thailand and brought back 9 Korats, to strengthen the bloodlines in the United States. Daphne was very instrumental in keeping the Korat established, and to this day, is a vital part of Korat history.

In those 50 years...



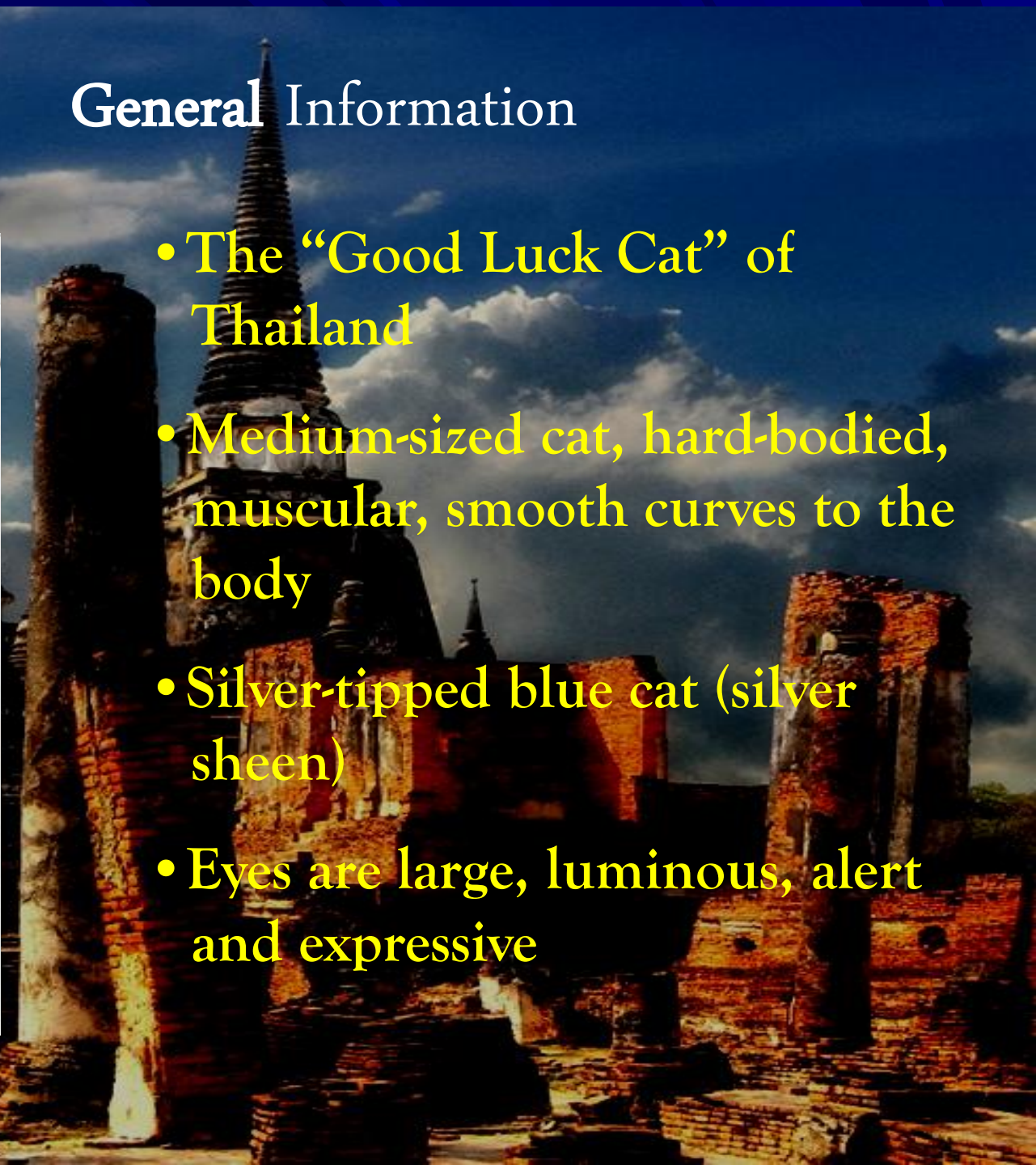
..the look has remained the same!



General Information

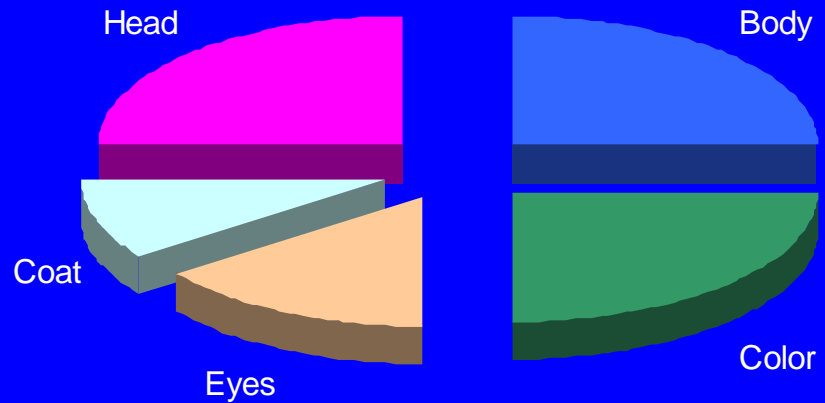


- The “Good Luck Cat” of Thailand
- Medium-sized cat, hard-bodied, muscular, smooth curves to the body
- Silver-tipped blue cat (silver sheen)
- Eyes are large, luminous, alert and expressive

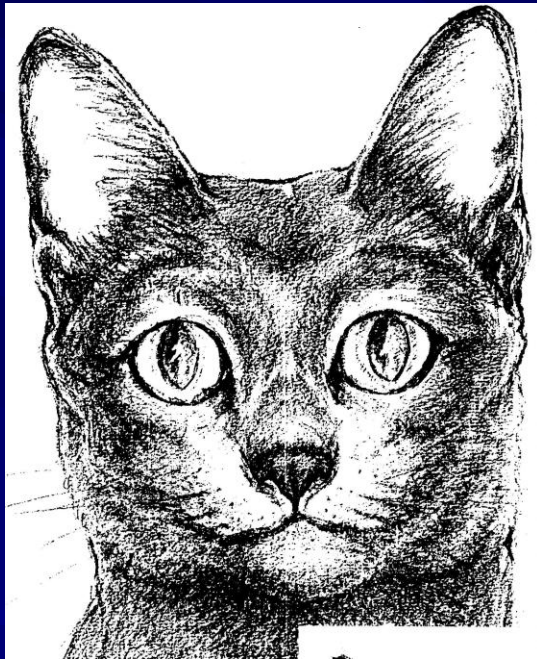


Korat Point Chart

Head	25 points
Eyes	15 points
Body	25 points
Coat	10 points
Color	25 points



Korat Head



- “Heart-shaped” bone structure
- Large, luminous eyes
- Ears accentuating the “heart” shape
- “Halo effect” at extremities of the cat

Korat Head

Heart-shaped bone structure



- Eyebrow ridges form upper curves of the heart, and sides of face gently curve down to chin, completing the heart shape
- Broad flat forehead, with slight indentation in center
- Prefer standard 'valentine-type shape' or slightly wider version

Korat Head

Heart-shaped bone structure



Incorrect heart shape - pinched



Korat

Ear Set



- Proper ear set is determined by viewing Korat from the front
- Should be continuation of heart-shaped face
- Ears should be proportionately large with rounded tips; large flare at base



Korat

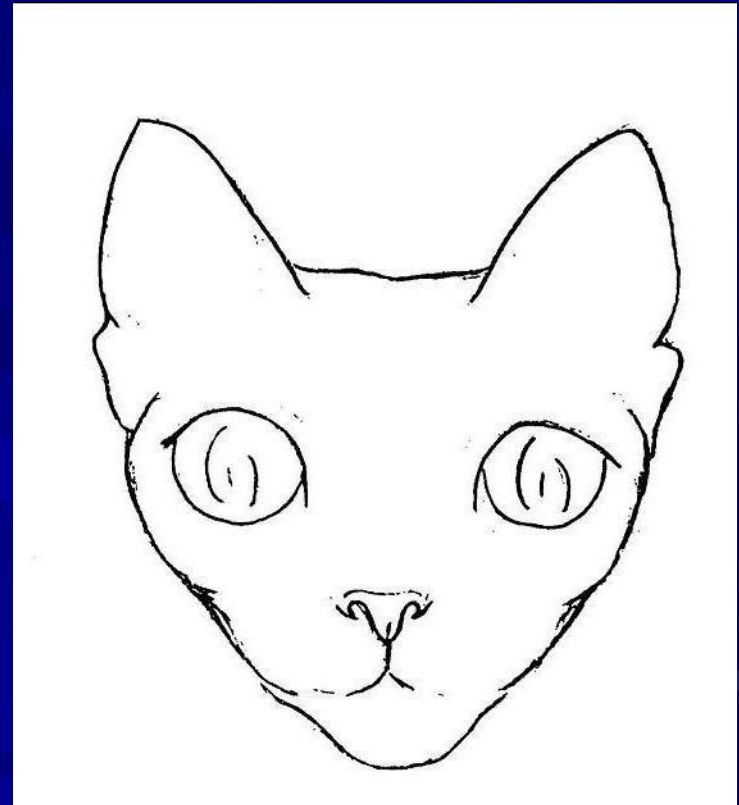
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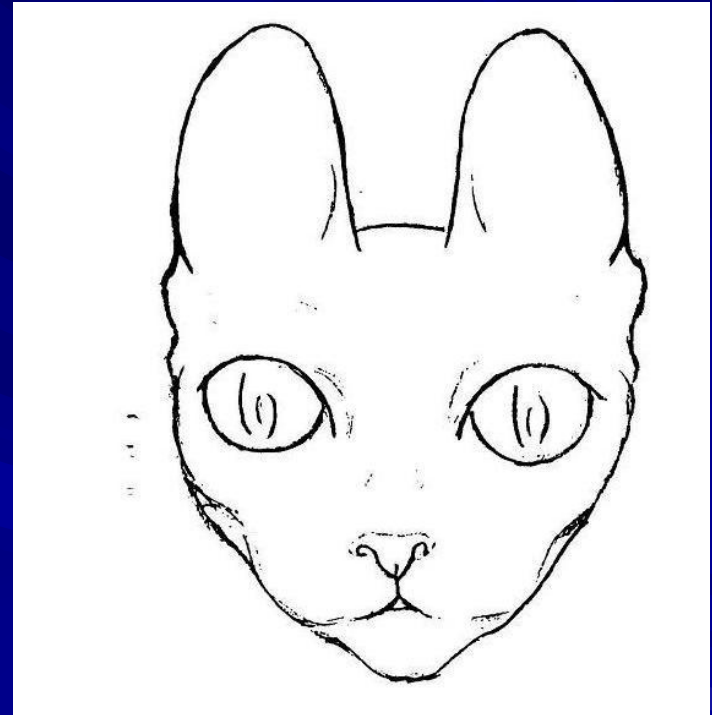
Ear Set

Ears too low
and small



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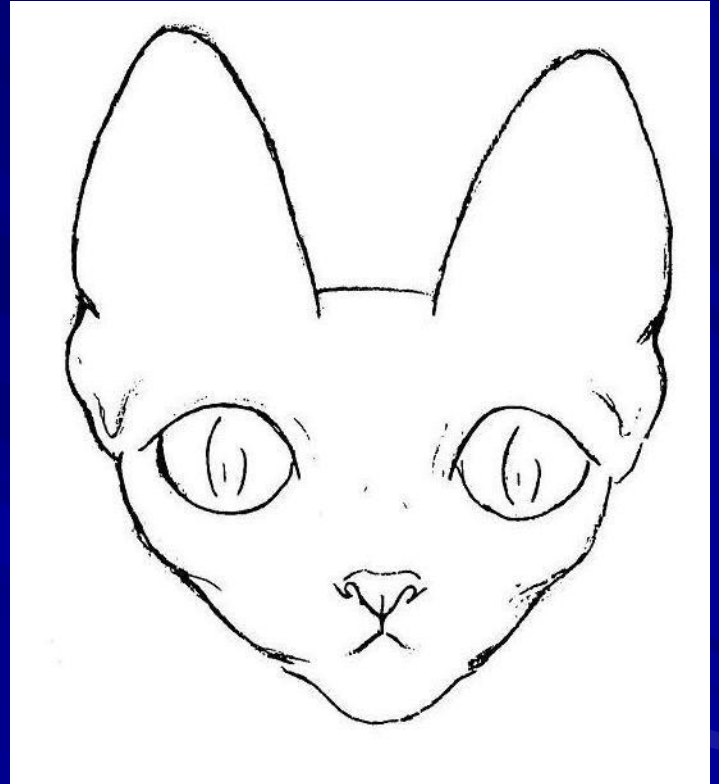
Ear Set



Ears too high

Korat

Ear Set



Ears too large
(donkey-like)

Korat

Ear Set



Proper ear set and size

Korat Head

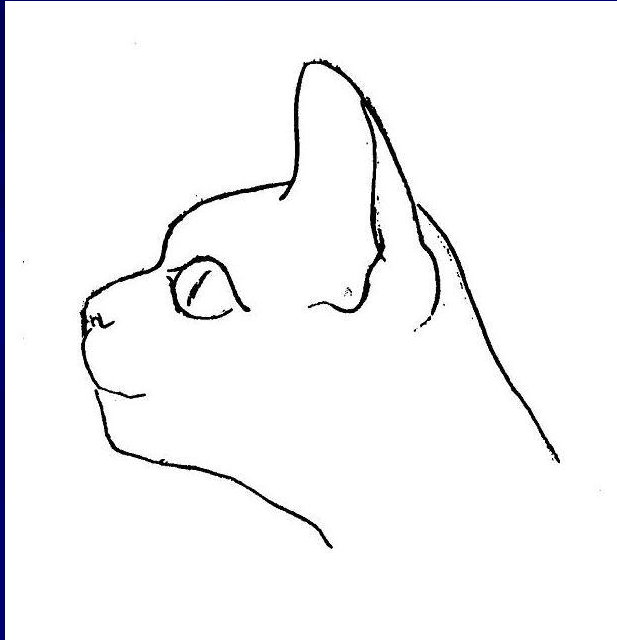
Profile



- Slight stop between forehead and nose
- Called a 'lion-like downward curve'
- Nose should be in proportion to head
- Chin and jaw should be strong and well-developed

Korat Head

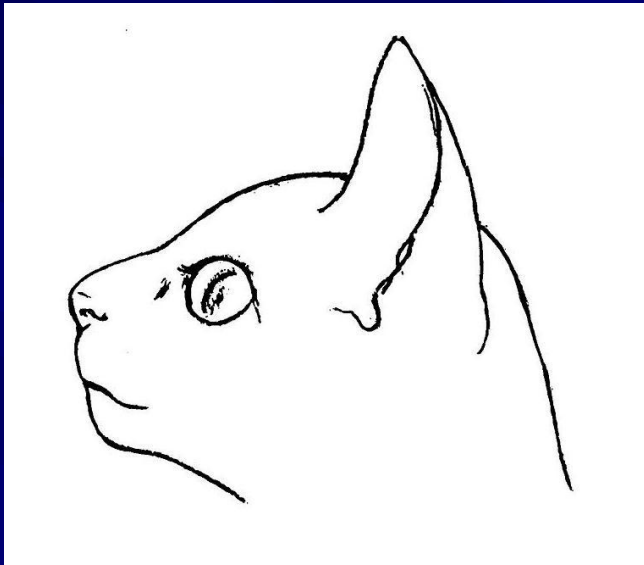
Profile



Nose stop (break)
too deep, causing
forehead to dome

Korat Head

Profile



Nose stop (break)
too shallow

Korat Head

Profile



Proper stop, nose down turn and
length; flat top head

Korat Eye Shape/Color



- Large, alert , expressive; luminous eyes with good width between
- Luminous green color (peridot green) preferred for the mature cat – allowances made for kittens and young adults (eye color on Korat can take 2-4 years to develop)

Korat Eye Shape/Color



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Korat Body



- Always carries its back in a curve
- Well-muscled torso; solid and muscular
- Broad chest (almost bulldog like)
- Semi-cobby
- Feels like a well-coiled spring, or heft like lifting a stone
- Right below rib cage, body starts to taper/indent, giving the cat a waist
- Silver-tipped blue – has sheen about the coat – like it's been dipped in powdered sugar

Korat Body



Korat Body

Legs/Tail



Legs:

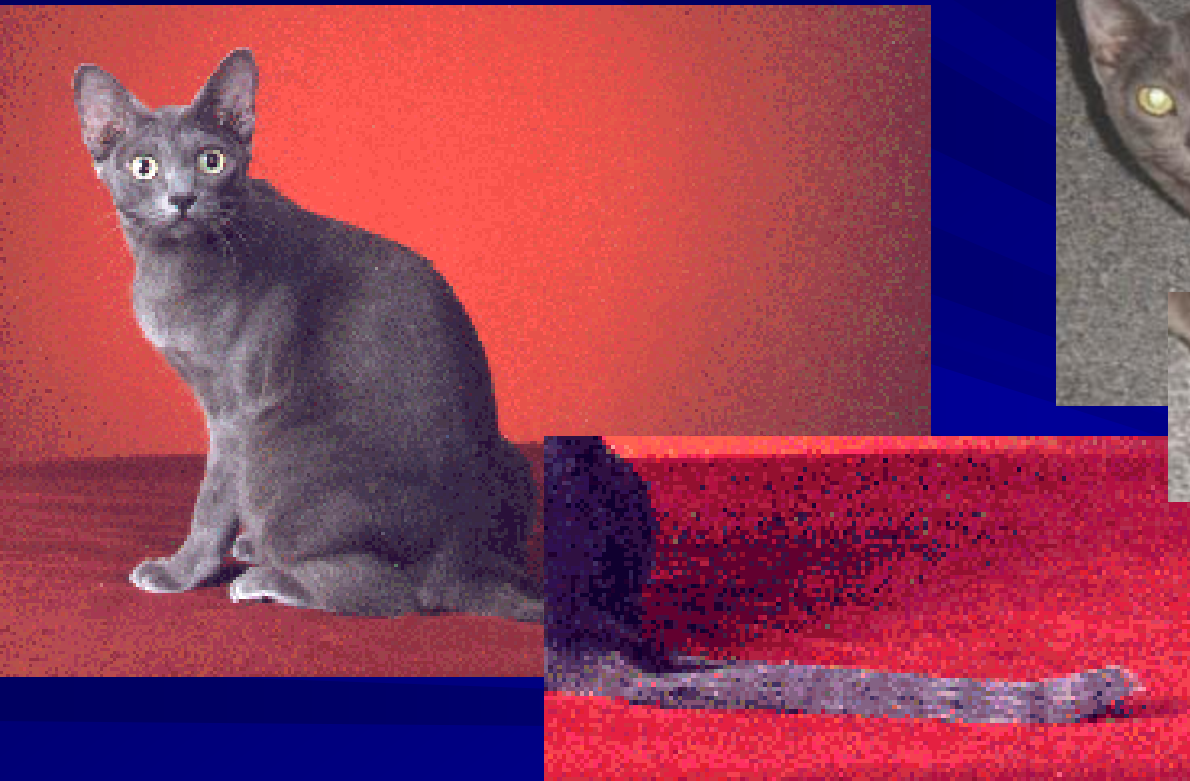
- Sturdy without bulk

Tail:

- Thickest at the base, tapering to a rounded tip. When pulled back, reaches to bottom of shoulder blades (where back starts to curve)
- Younger/immature cats will have tabby markings on tail

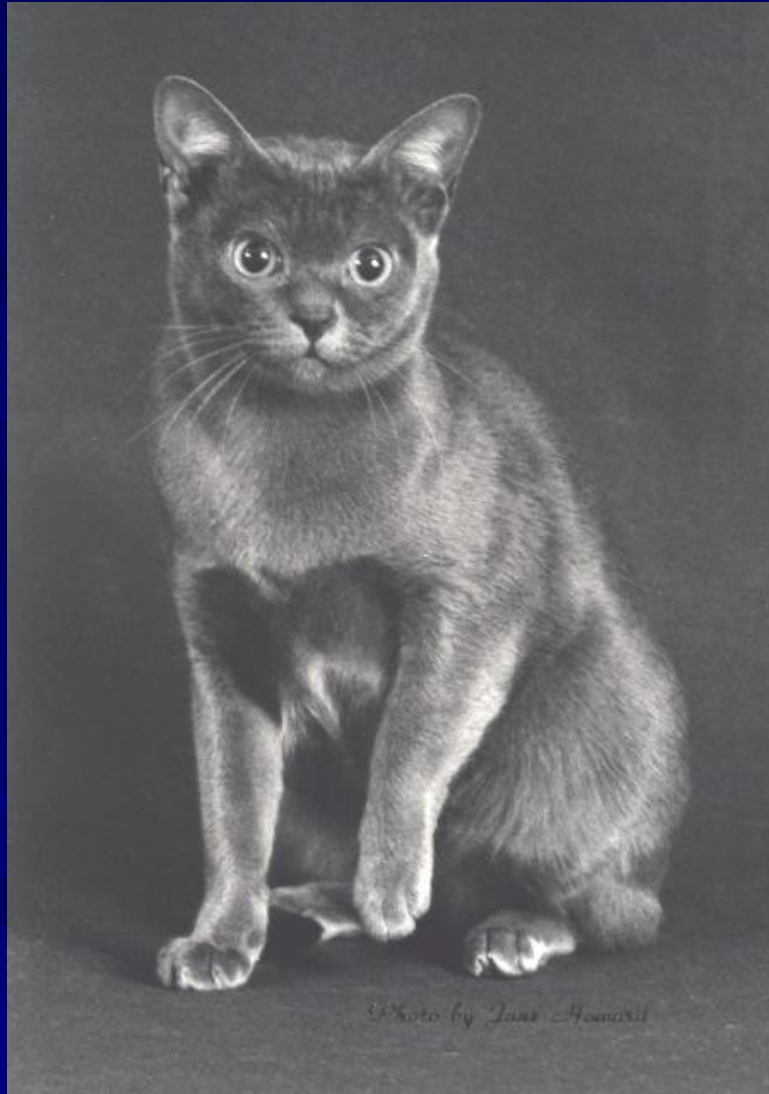
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Korat Coat/Color



Coat

- Coat is short, close lying; 'breaks' as cat moves

Color

- *Silver-tipped blue (no AOVs)
- “East vs. West”



Korat Coat/Color

“East vs. West”



Korat Coat/Color

“East vs. West”



Korat Coat/Color



This picture shows a Korat whose coat 'breaks' – but the coat is actually too long, and looks fluffy. The coat breaks too much.

Korat Coat/Color



This picture shows a Korat whose coat is short, close lying. You can see the 'breaks' in the coat. As the cat moves, the coat will 'break' along the spine line as well.

Korat Handling

*Korats do not like (and normally not tolerate) being held up in the air. They prefer to keep their hind legs on the table, or have a secure feeling when held. Their heft does not give them that 'comfort' when elevated.



Korat Handling



No need to overhandle the head. The heart shape of the head can easily be seen by looking at the cat straight on or over the top of the head. Gently tracing the heart – but if the Korat feels ‘restrained’ it may panic.

Korat Handling

Korats should not be stretched; the body is semi-cobby, not long and lean.



Korat Handling “Personality”



- Opinionated – may be talkative ! (‘mother-in-law’ cat)

Korat Handling

“Personality”



- Expects to have the ‘upper hand’ (don’t try to restrain too hard)

Korat Handling

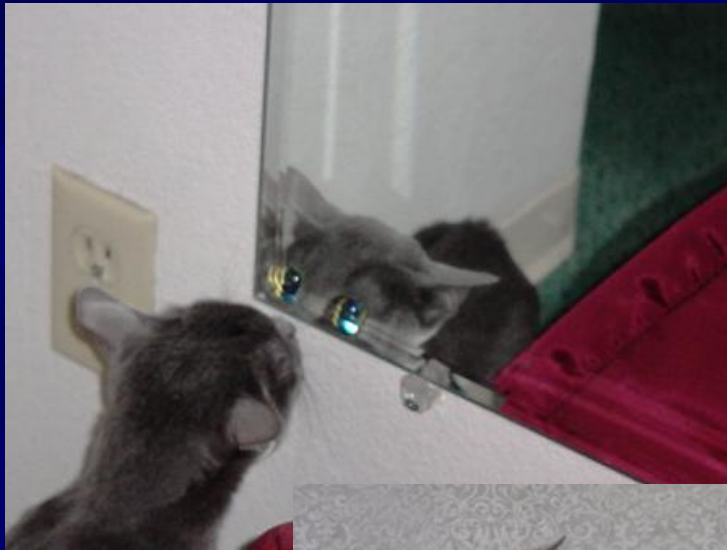
“Personality”



- Will watch what you do, then try to do it

Korat Handling

“Personality”



- Playtime is ‘serious’ – they really DO think that feather toy is real



Korat Handling / Personality



...and then there's that Korat that doesn't realize she's a Korat.....

Korat – Allowances

Allowances:

- * Invisible kinks are permitted
- * Ghost/Tabby Markings in kittens/young adults
- * Green eyes sometimes take 2-4 yrs to come in

Korat - Disqualify

- Visible kinks
- ANY color other than silver-tipped blue
- Obvious lockets

The Korat

On behalf of the entire breed council, we sincerely thank you – from the bottom of our heart - for having us present the Korat after a 20 year absence from the workshops!

We hope you learned something you didn't know, and we are all more than happy to answer any of your questions, at any time!!

