Maine Coon Cat



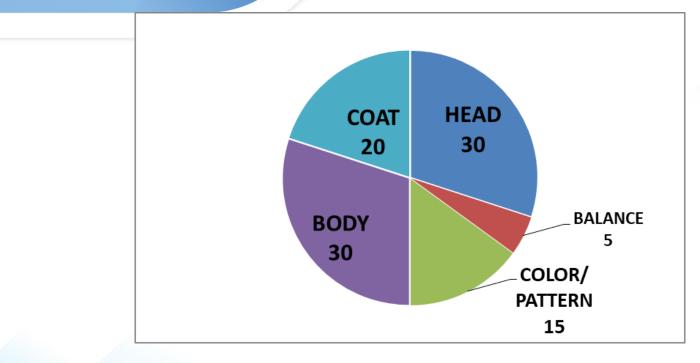


Essence of the Maine Coon Cat

- Solid, rugged, can endure harsh climates.
- Amiable disposition, adapts to varied environments.
- Known for its smooth, shaggy coat.



Point Breakdown



Head

- Head shape: slightly longer than wide
- Muzzle/Chin: visibly square, blunt ended, strong chin
- Profile: slight concavity, smooth, free of pronounced bumps/humps



Head

- Ear shape: large, well-tufted, wide at base, tapers to appear pointed.
- Ear set: ear width apart at base, not flared out.
- Neck: medium



Eyes

- Large
- Expressive
- Wide set open oval shape
- Slight oblique set





Body

- Body shape: broad chested, medium to large, rectangular appearance
 - Legs/Feet: substantial wide set straight legs, medium length, large paws
 - Tail: long, wide at base, tapering





Coat

- Heavy, silky and shaggy
- Long & flowing on tail
- Longer on stomach & britches
- Ruff desirable





Color & Patterns

- Coat color: variety of colors accepted
- Eye color: shades of green, gold, greengold, copper. Oddeyes in cats with white
- Classic, Mackerel & Ticked Tabby allowed



Penalize/Disqualify

Penalize

 Coat that is short or overall even Disqualify

- Delicate bone structure
- Undershot chin
- Kinked Tail
- Crossed Eyes
- White buttons, lockets, spots
- Evidence of hybridization resulting in chocolate, lavender, or Himalayan pattern