RAGDOLL BREED PRESENTATION

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

• The ragdoll is a very laid back cat with no extreme features.
• They are a medium to large, moderately longhaired, blue-eyed pointed cat.
• Slow maturing, reaching full coat and color at three years of age.
The Ragdoll is an affectionate and intelligent cat, giving the impression of graceful movement and subdued power, striking in appearance.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION (CONT’D)

• The point markings may be covered by a range of white overlay patterns.
  • Colorpoint
  • Mitted
  • Bicolor
  • Van
HEAD (40 POINTS)

• Large, modified wedge that is equilateral in shape ... 20
• Eyes large, vivid blue ovals ... 10
• Ears medium, wide set, moderately flared ... 5
• Profile slightly curving; nose straight, chin strong ... 5
HEAD DESCRIPTION

• Broad modified wedge equilateral in shape – measured from outer base of ears to gently rounded muzzle.
• Cheeks in line with wedge (allow for jowls in adult males).
• Flat plane between the ears.
EYES AND EARS DESCRIPTION

- Eyes: large, vivid blue ovals. Wide set and moderately slanted complementing the wedge.
- Ears: medium sized. Wide set and moderately flared, continuing line of wedge. Wide at base, rounded tips, and tilted forward.
PROFILE, CHIN, NECK DESCRIPTION

- Profile slightly curving, ending in straight, medium-length nose.
- Chin well developed, strong, in line with nose and upper lip.
- Neck heavy and strong.
BODY (30 POINTS)

• Large and long, broad and solid with heavy boning ... 15

• Rectangular in shape, with a full chest and equal width across the shoulders and hindquarters, firm and muscular, stomach pad allowed ... 10

• Legs heavily boned, moderately long, hind legs longer than front ... 5
BODY DESCRIPTION

• Large and long, broad and solid, with heavy boning.
• Rectangular in shape, with full chest and equal width across shoulders and hindquarters.
• Body firm and muscular but not fat.
BODY DESCRIPTION (CONT’D)

• Moderate stomach pad on lower abdomen acceptable.

• Females may be substantially smaller than males.

• Allow for slow maturation in young adults.
LEGS, PAWS AND TAIL

• Legs: heavily boned, moderately long. Hind legs longer than front.

• Paws: proportionately large, round and feather tufted.

• Tail: long with full plume.
COAT (30)

• Moderately long length, with abundant guard hairs, but minimal woolly undercoat ... 20
• Color of body and points ... 10

(The 10 points for color are to be divided 5 for white markings and symmetry, and 5 for body and point color).
COAT DESCRIPTION

- Naturally non-matting moderately long fur is characterized by abundant guard hairs and minimal undercoat.
- It flows with the body.
- Ruff preferred.
- Shorter in whole cats.
- Allow for seasonal variations.
PENALTIES

- **Coat**: Thick undercoat standing off from body.
- **Body**: Cobby body low on legs.
- **Tail**: Short tail; non-directional lump on tail
- **Eyes**: Small or round
- **Nose**: Roman nose
DISQUALIFICATIONS

- **Nose:** any break.
- **Color:** body and point color other than those listed, eyes other than blue.
- **Various:** Directional kink in tail. Crossed eyes. Extra toes.
COLORS

• Six point colors:
  • Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream
  • Points may be solid, lynx and particolored.
  • All Ragdolls are pointed but points may be partially overlaid with white in some patterns.
COLORS (CONT’D)

• **Body:**

• Even, subtle shading is permissible, but clear color is preferable.

• Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as Ragdolls darken with age, but there must be definite contrast between point and body color.
COLOR (CONT’D)

• **Points:**
  • Mask, ears, legs, feet, tail dense and clearly defined.
  • No ticking in points.
  • Stomach pad may have darker shading (in mitted and colorpoint patterns).
RAGDOLL PATTERNS

SHOW STANDARD
FOR THE THREE PATTERNS OF THE RAGDOLL

COLOURPOINTED

TOP VIEW

The nose leather should be the same colour as the points.
The points should be well defined providing good contrast with the body coat.

A narrow white blaze on the nose is permitted.
Cats may not reach maturity until 3 to 4 years of age. Some degree of body shading is to be expected in mature cats.

MITTENED

TOP VIEW

The nose leather should be the same colour as the points.

Mittens on the front paws should be evenly matched and not extend beyond the angle formed by the paw and the leg.

BICOLOUR

TOP VIEW

The nose leather should be pink.

The back legs should be white to a minimum level of the hock but preferably up to the level of the underbody.
The front legs should be all white. It is desirable that the back legs are white to the level of the underbody. Evenly distributed patches of white are acceptable on the back coat but are limited to not more than one third.

UNDERSIDE

A dominant white chin easily distinguishes a Mitted Ragdoll.

Paw pads should be pink.

There should be no white anywhere on Colourpointed Ragdolls.
Shading on the belly and chest should be a lighter colour than the body coat.

A coloured spot on the chin is a fault.

The chin, bib, chest are white as is the underbody from chest to tail.
The back boots should be white to the hook but preferably up to the level of the underbody.
The chin, bib, chest and entire underbody should be white.

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BICOLOR PATTERN

- White inverted ‘V’ remains within outer edge of eyes.
- Symmetry preferred.
- Upper body may show white spotting.
- Legs and feet: all white preferred but may show minor dark spots.
BICOLOR PATTERN FAULTS

• Penalize ‘V’ that extends beyond outer edge of eyes, or excessively asymmetrical. White on ears

• DQ ‘V’ absent or has dark spotting. Extensive color on any legs.
VAN PATTERN

• Point color restricted to ears, tail and mask.
• Mask often restricted to top part only.
• **Penalize**: more than 20% color on body.
• **DQ**: total absence of point color on head or tail.
MITTED PATTERN

- May have a white blaze in the shape of a star, diamond, hour-glass or line in one patch or broken, centrally and symmetrically located anywhere from the top of the nose leather to the forehead.
- Chin must be white and extend into a white belly stripe.
MITTED PATTERNS
MITTED PATTERN (CONT’D)

• White mittens present on both front feet, evenly matched, preferably going around the wrist joint.

• White boots in the back must go up to and completely around the hock but no higher than mid-thigh.
MITTED PATTERN FAULT

• **Disqualify:** Lack of a white chin...
COLORPOINT PATTERN

• Pointed colors only.
• Shading allowed in older cats but definite contrast must be seen between body and point color.
• **DQ:** presence of any locket or white spot anywhere on cat’s body (including toes and tail tip).