THE SIBERIAN

Designed by nature, this majestic feline is Russia's national treasure





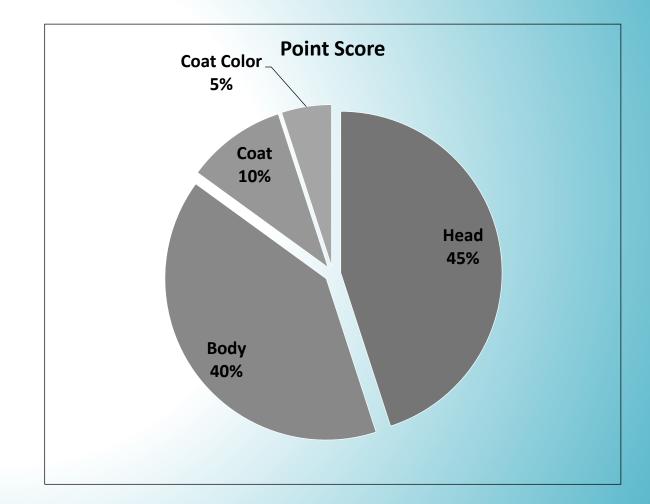
WHAT SETS THE SIBERIAN APART?

- Strength, power, and presence plus surprising heft
- Gently contoured head. Sweet facial expression
- Medium to medium large, females generally smaller than males.
- Extremely slow to mature. The breed's characteristic triple coat takes time to develop.
- When looking at a Siberian, the overall impression should be one of roundness and circles, rather than rectangles and triangles.



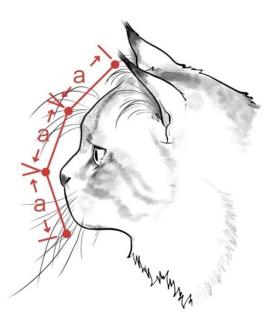
SIBERIAN POINT CHART (SIMPLIFIED)

- **HEAD**: 15 pts on SHAPE, 10 pts on MUZZLE
- **BODY**: 10 pts on BONING, 10 pts on TORSO
- COAT: 5 pts on LENGTH, 5 pts on TEXTURE
- COLOR: 3 pts on PATTERN, 2 pts on COLOR



THE SIBERIAN HEAD

- Modified wedge, medium to large.
 Rounded contours, sturdy, wellmuscled neck
- Full-rounded, moderately short muzzle. Slight doming between the ears.
- Profile has a slight nose curvature.
 Gentle slope from forehead to nose.
 Slight concave curve just before the nose tip.





HEAD CONTINUED

Ears: medium-large, rounded. set as much on the sides as the top of the head. Ears tilt slightly forward

 Eyes: medium to large, almost round. More than one eye width apart. Outer corner angles slightly towards ear base.



THE SIBERIAN BODY



 Medium in length, wellmuscled. Back arched slightly higher than shoulders.

- Barrel-shaped torso, firm belly.
- Musculature and boning are substantial.
- Medium-length tail, somewhat shorter than body.

THE SIBERIAN COAT

- Moderately long to long-haired.
 <u>TRIPLE</u> coat. Hair on shoulder blades and lower chest slightly shorter.
- Abundant full-collar ruff
- **Coat texture varies** from coarse to soft, according to color.





SIBERIAN COLORS AND PATTERNS

- All colors, patterns and combinations accepted (except chocolate, lilac and those colors with white)
- Buttons, spots and lockets allowed.
- Strong colors and clear patterns desirable. No penalty for tarnishing.
- Bimetallic colors give the appearance of a silver and gold combination with darker tipping (shaded) or tabby markings in all recognized patterns.





SUMMARY: KEY POINTS OF THE SIBERIAN STANDARD

- More points on the head than anything else—45 points.
- Body is next in importance 40 points.
- Coat is a total of 10 points.
 There are 5 points each on length and texture.
- Color (3 points) and pattern (2 points) are least important.



DISQUALIFY OR PENALIZE

- **PENALIZE** includes: straight profile, narrow muzzle, delicate boning, almond-shaped eyes, legs too long or too short, lack of body weight in an adult.
- DISQUALIFY for: kinked tail, incorrect number of toes, crossed eyes, evidence of illness, poor health, emaciation.

