# THE SIBERIAN

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





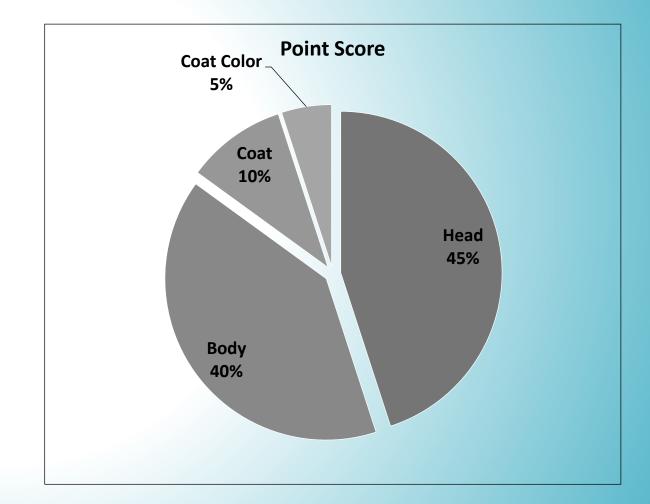
#### WHAT SETS THE SIBERIAN APART?

- 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.



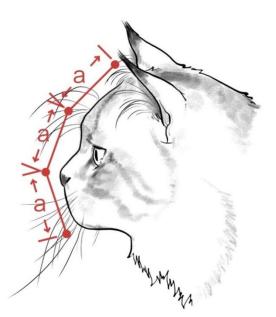
#### SIBERIAN POINT CHART (SIMPLIFIED)

- **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.

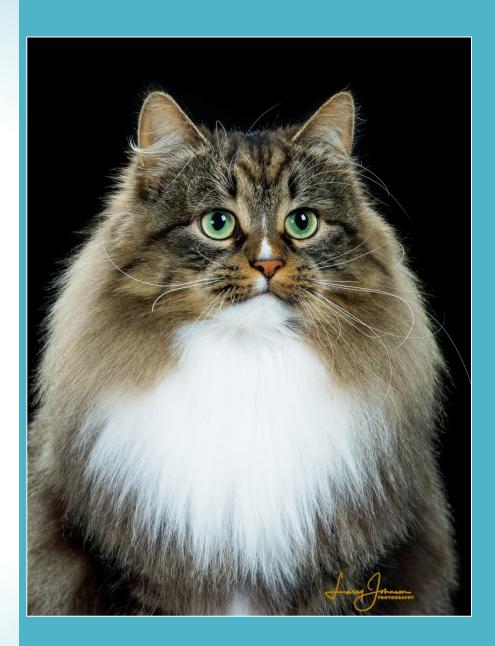




#### HEAD CONTINUED

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.

