

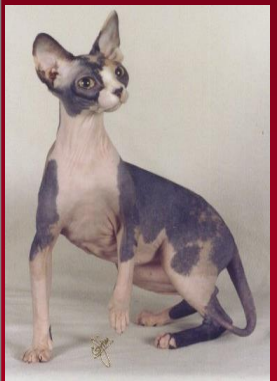
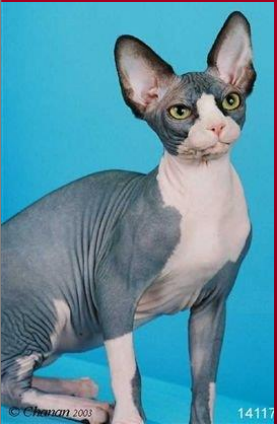


The Sphynx

Breed Comparison

CFA 2004 Judges' Workshop

Sphynx: Introduction



Sphynx are remarkable companions noted for their exceptional personality and loving disposition.

Ask any Sphynx breeder or owner about their devotion to the breed and you will find a commitment, love and enthusiasm towards them like no other.

Sphynx: Introduction



Overview

Head – General

Head – Size/Shape

Head – Cheeks and Cheekbones

Head – Muzzle and Chin

Head – Ears

Head – Profile

Head – Eyes

Body – General

Body – Tail

Body – Neck

Body – Legs and Feet

Coat/Skin

Color

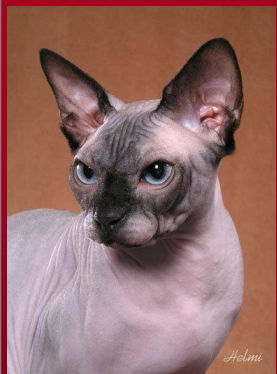
Sphynx: Overview



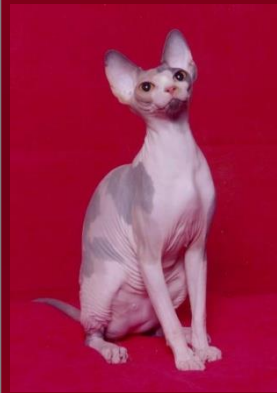
Though usually thought of as "*the hairless cat*," Sphynx "coats" can range from a very short, one-eighth of an inch covering, to absolutely no coat present on the body at all.

Sphynx, unlike some of the other hairless breeds, should at least have a covering of fine hair on the bridge of the nose, even if there is no coat perceivably present elsewhere.

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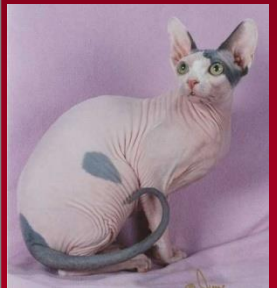


The Sphynx is not a small cat, but is of medium build. When picked up, the handler will notice a firm, sturdy build to the body frame.



It possesses large to very large ears, a strong pinch and a palpable stop.

Sphynx eyes are lemon shaped with a wide center which tapers at both ends.



Sphynx: Head - General



The head of the Sphynx is one of the most eye-catching features of the breed, second only to their appearance of hairlessness.

Sphynx from 1986

Sphynx: Head – Size/Shape

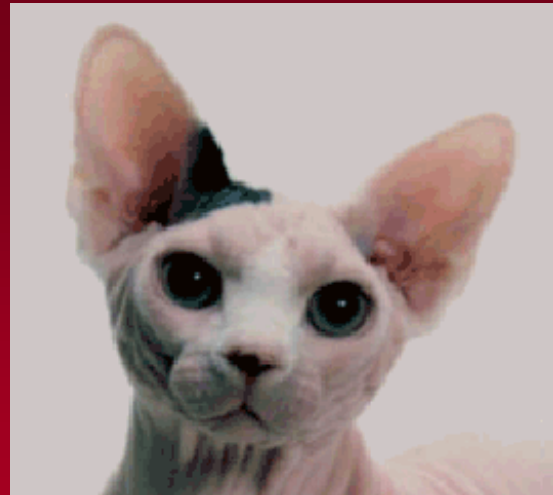
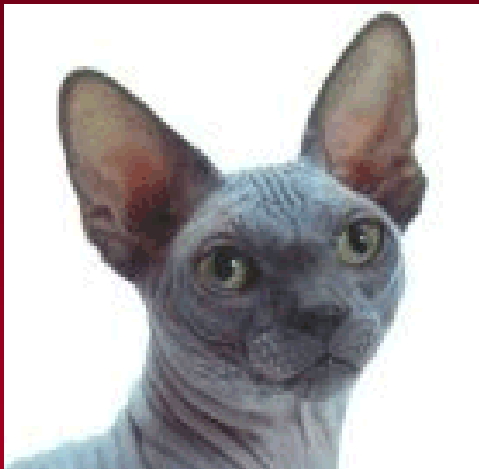
- Modified wedge
- Slightly longer than it is wide
- Distinct whisker break
- Slightly rounded skull
- Ear set is on the corners of the modified wedge



Sphynx: Head – Girls



Sphynx: Head – Boys



Sphynx: Head-Cheekbones



- Prominent, rounded cheekbones which define the eye and form a curve above the whisker break.
- Allowances should be made for jowls in adult males.

Sphynx: Head-Cheekbones



Sphynx: Head-Muzzle/Chin



- Prominent whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle.
- Strong, well developed chin forming perpendicular line with upper lip.

Sphynx: Head-Muzzle/Chin



Sphynx: Head – Ears



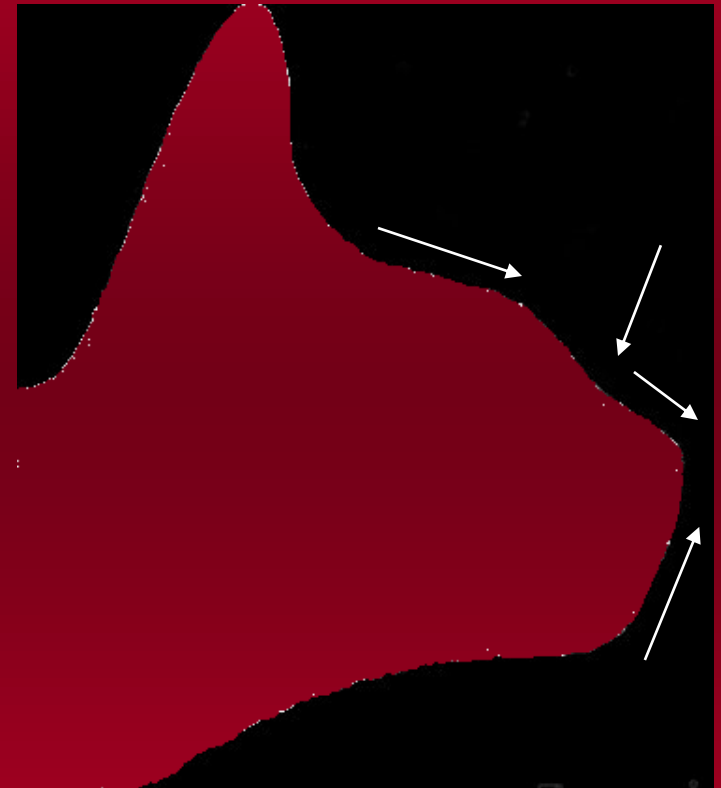
- Large to very large
- Broad at base
- Slightly rounded at the tip
- Neither low set nor on top of head

Sphynx: Head – Ears



Sphynx: Head – Profile

- When viewed from the side the profile proceeds from a flat plane in front of the ears,
- A slight to moderate, palpable stop at the bridge of the nose,
- Followed by a straight nose,
- The nose and chin line up, with no overbite nor under bite present.



Sphynx: Head – Profile

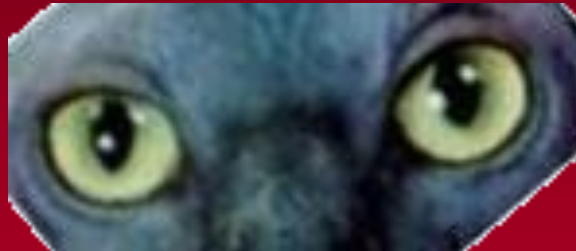


Sphynx: Head-Eyes



- Large, wide set at least one eye's width apart
- Lemon-shaped, wide-open center comes to a point on each side
- Aligns with outer base of ear

Sphynx: Head-Eyes



Sphynx: Body - General

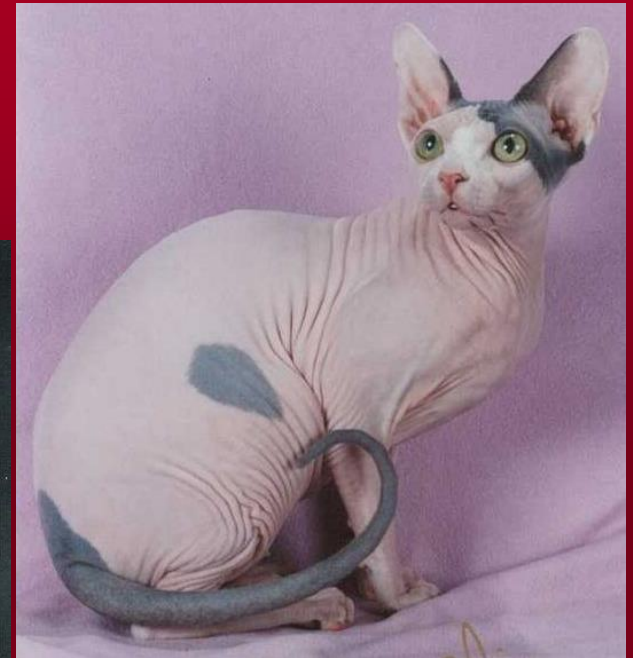
- Broad rounded chest
- Full round abdomen
- Rump well rounded
- Medium boning
- Medium length
- Muscular



Sphynx: Body – General



Sphynx: Body - General



Sphynx: Body – Tail

Slender,
flexible,
long,
tapers to
a fine
point



Sphynx: Body – Tail



Sphynx: Body – Neck



- Medium
- Rounded
- Well muscled
- Slight arch
- Allowance for jowling in mature males

Sphynx: Body – Neck



Sphynx: Body – Legs/Paws



- Medium - rear legs slightly longer than front
- Sturdy, well muscled in proportion to the body
- Oval, well knuckled toes
- Thick paw pads

Sphynx: Body – Legs/Paws



Sphynx: Body – Coat

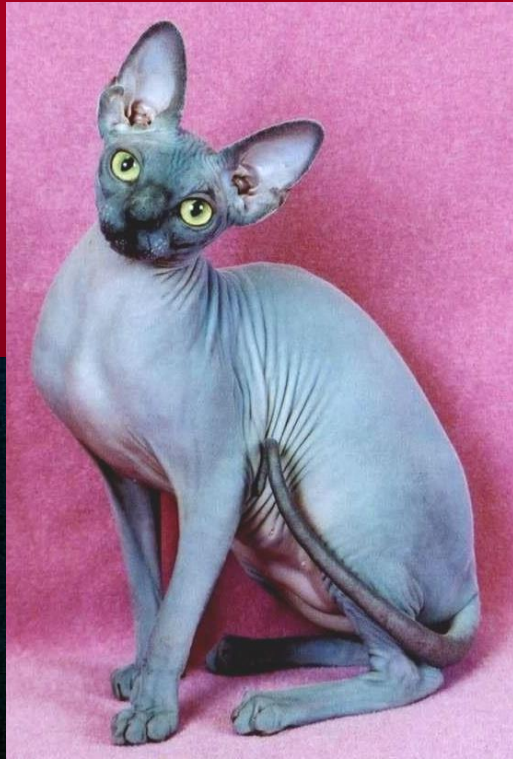
- From completely hairless to a consistent covering of up to 1/8 inch (2 stacked quarters).
- Bridge of nose is naturally furnished
- Wrinkled skin desirable



Sphynx: Body – Coat



Sphynx: Body – Coat



Sphynx: Body – Color

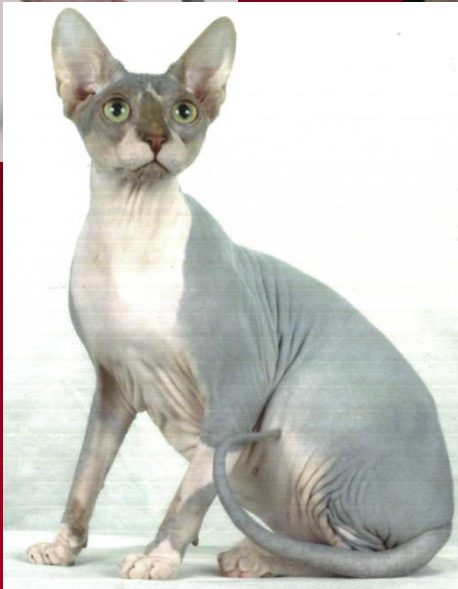
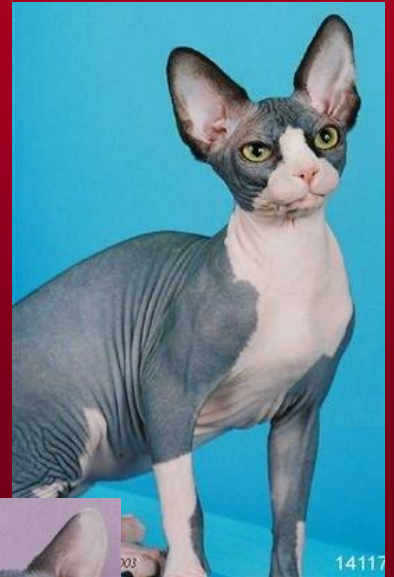


- Three color classes.
- All colors and patterns found in felines are possible with exception of colors/patterns that are defined by the degree of color on the hair shaft.

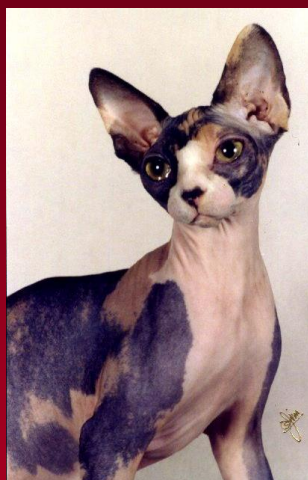
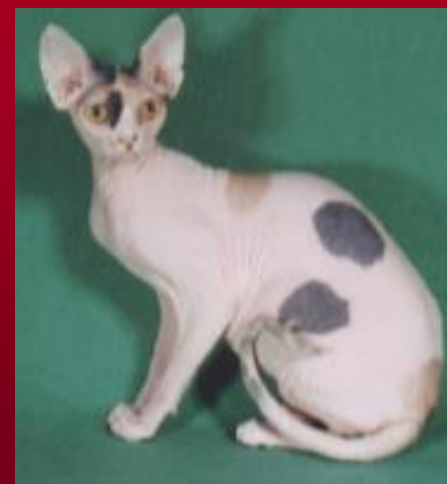
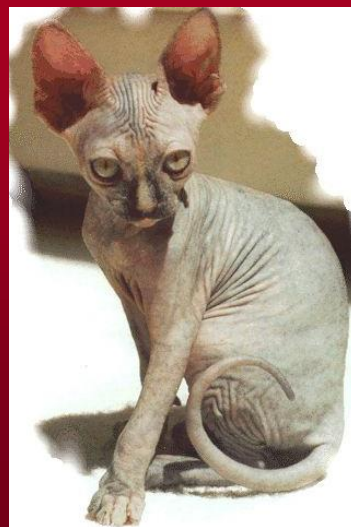
Sphynx: Solid



Sphynx: Bicolor



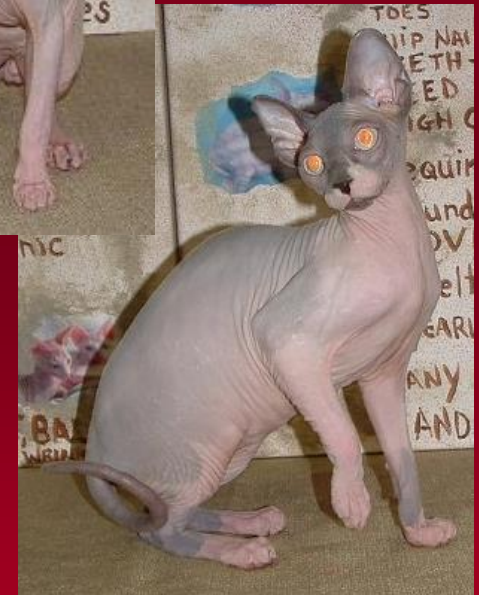
Sphynx: Calico/Tortoiseshell



Sphynx: Tabby



Sphynx: ColorPoint



Sphynx: Mink



Sphynx: Conclusion



From the day
they are born...

Sphynx: Conclusion



When they start toddling around...

Sphynx: Conclusion



Are old enough to make a mess...

Sphynx: Conclusion



Ready for
their first
show...

Sphynx: Conclusion



They make us
feel special...

Sphynx: Conclusion

Now about
their people...

