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.
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**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 perceptibly present elsewhere.
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.
The head of the Sphynx is one of the most eye-catching features of the breed, second only to their appearance of hairlessness.
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 underbite 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
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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
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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: 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...