

ORIENTAL LONGHAIR

HEAD	40 Points
Long flat Profile	(7)
Ears	(8)
Eyes - Shape	(10)
- Color	(5)
Wedge, fine muzzle/size	(5)
Chin	(5)
BODY/TAIL	27Points
Structure/size/neck	(10)
Muscle tone	(7)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COAT	10 Points
COLOR	20 Points
Solid:	
Solid, Smoke, Shaded, cats without coat pattern	(18)
Paw pads/nose leather	(2)
Non-Solids:	
Tabbies, tortoiseshells, patched tabbies, and whites, cats with coat patters	
Color	(10)
Pattern	(8)
Paw pads/nose leather	(2)
CONDITION/ BALANCE	3 Points

General: The ideal Oriental Longhair is graceful, svelte, muscular, and fine boned. It is balanced and in proportion, with long tapering lines. The cat is healthy and in excellent condition.

Head:

Shape/Profile: The head and ears, viewed from the front, present a long tapering wedge in proportion with the body. The total wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight lines to the ear tops, forming an isosceles triangle with no whisker break. The eyes are spaced at least one eye width apart. When judging, smooth back the sides of the wedge to reveal the underlying bone structure. Do not probe for whisker pinch. Stud cats can have jowls. The skull, in profile, is flat. The line from the top of the head to the tip of the nose is straight. There is no bulge over the eyes or dip in the nose. The nose, in profile, is long and straight, continuing the forehead without a stop or break.

Ears: Strikingly large and pointed, wide at the base. Position continues the lines of the wedge.

Eyes: The eyes appear to be almond shaped and medium sized. The set is slanted toward the nose in harmony to the lines of the wedge. The eyes do not protrude or recede. **Eye color:** Depth of the color preferred over color tone.

All colors and patterns except Pointed and Pointed and White: Green preferred, Hazel or Amber allowed.

Non-pointed and white: can also have odd eyes. Odd eye colors can be one Blue and the other Green, Hazel, or Amber.

Pointed, Pointed and White: Deep Blue.

Solid White: Deep Blue, Green, Hazel, Amber or Odd. **Muzzle/Wedge:**

The muzzle is fine, moderately long, wedge shaped. **Chin:** Medium size, strong and full, not receding or diminutive. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of the nose in a straight line when viewed from the side.

Neck: Long and slender, in proportion to the body and head length.

Body and Tail:

Body: Long, slender, and lithe, with a tubular shape as viewed from top, bottom, or sides. The cat appears well muscled and non-flabby. It is strong, solid and weighs more than it appears. The body gives the illusion it is the same width at the hips and shoulders. The body should give the illusion that it is no wider than the shoulders. **Allowances:** Males can be larger than females. The abdominal muscles of older queens who may have borne several litters may be softer than younger cat. **Legs/Feet:** Legs long and slim. Hind legs are longer than front, in good proportion to the body. Feet dainty, small, and oval. **Tail:** Long, Narrow at the base, tapers to a fine point.

Coat:

The coat is medium long, fine textured, silky, glossy, and appears to lie close to the body. It does not have a downy undercoat. It is wispy on the tail, breeches, and along the lower body edge. The coat may appear shorter than it is. Hair is longest on the tail. Some cats develop coat slowly. It may take two years to develop a full coat.

Color:

The Oriental Longhair comes in all colors and patterns, including "and White" genetically possible in the cat, except as following:

No Burmese (c superscript b)

No Tonkinese (c superscript b combined with c superscript s)

In Oriental Longhairs, Black is called Ebony and Chocolate is called Chestnut. These names follow through all the patterns, ie. Brown Tabby is Ebony Tabby, Tortoiseshell (red and black) is Ebony Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Silver Spotted is Chestnut Silver Spotted, ect. The Siamese color names (Seal Point, Chocolate Point, ect.) are used in the pointed and pointed and white colors.

Leathers (paw pads and nose leathers): Leather colors are described in the color standards.

Allowances: Older cats, particularly those carrying the red gene, can develop age freckles on the eyelid, nose paw pads, and lips. They also can have occasional dark whiskers. It can take up to two years to develop full color in cats with the genes for red, cream, dilute, smoke, silver smoke pointed and silver pointed.

Condition/Balance:

The ideal Oriental Longhair appears, healthy, clean, and alert. Orientals are active and handle easily. Each part of the cat is in proportion and fits well together, presenting a cat with long, flowing lines.

Accepted Colors:

The following are color descriptions unique to breeds that recognize *All Colors And Patterns That Are Genetically Possible In The Cat*.

<p>Solid Apricot Caramel Tabby Apricot Caramel Solid Points Fawn Point Cinnamon Point Apricot Point Caramel Point Tortie Points Fawn Tortie Point [Fawn and Cream] Cinnamon Tortie Point Caramel Tortie Point [Caramel & Apricot] Lynx Points Fawn Lynx Point Cinnamon Lynx Point Apricot Lynx Point Caramel Lynx Point</p>	<p>Tortie Lynx Points Fawn Tortie Lynx Point [Fawn and Cream Lynx] Cinnamon Tortie Lynx Point Caramel Tortie Lynx Point [Caramel and Apricot Lynx] Smoke Point Seal Smoke Point Seal Tortie Smoke Point Blue Smoke Point Blue Tortie Smoke Point Chocolate Smoke Point Chocolate Tortie Smoke Point Lilac Smoke Point Lilac Tortie Smoke Point Red Smoke Point Cream Smoke Point Fawn Smoke Point Fawn Tortie Smoke Point Cinnamon Smoke Point Cinnamon Tortie Smoke Point Apricot Smoke Point Caramel Smoke Point Caramel Tortie Smoke Point [Caramel & Apricot Smoke Point]</p>	<p>Silver Points Seal Silver Lynx Point Seal Silver Tortie Lynx Point Blue Silver Lynx Point Blue Silver Tortie Lynx Point Chocolate Silver Lynx Point Chocolate Silver Tortie Lynx Point Lilac Silver Lynx Point Lilac Silver Tortie Lynx Point Red Silver Lynx Point Cream Silver Lynx Point Fawn Silver Lynx Point Fawn Silver Tortie Lynx Point Cinnamon Silver Lynx Point Cinnamon Silver Tortie Lynx Point Apricot Silver Lynx Point Caramel Silver Lynx Point Caramel Silver Tortie Lynx Point</p>
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Color/Pattern Descriptions

Apricot: The color of dark dried apricots. All apricots have a metallic sheen which is not seen on any other color except caramel and which gives them a bronze appearance. This metallic sheen is most obvious on the top of the head, the bottom of the feet and the elbows.

Caramel: Shows both a brown/orange tone and a blue tone on the same cat. The blue based caramels look like very muddy blues. The fawn based caramels are nearly taupe colored. All caramels have a metallic sheen not seen on any other color except apricot. This metallic sheen is most obvious on the top of the head, the bottom of the feet and the elbows.

Caramel Tabbies: Blue toned markings with orange toned ground color. All caramels have a metallic sheen not seen on any other color except apricot. This metallic sheen is most obvious on the top of the head, the bottom of the feet and the elbows.

Fawn Point: Points [mask, ears, tail, and legs] warm tan with peach tones. Similar in intensity to lilac point. May have a slight blue cast. Body color: very pale, shading pale tan. Nose leather pink, tan overtones; paw pads: pink.

Cinnamon Point: Points [mask, ears, tail, legs] bright, reddish brown. Intensity of color similar to chocolate point – but much ‘hotter’ tone. Body color: very pale, shading to warm tan. Nose leather salmon; paw pads: salmon pink.

Smoke Point: Smoke points come in the full range of solid and tortie point colors.

Smoke points reflect the simultaneous presence of the partial albino inhibitor, the partial albino Siamese pointing, and the homozygous non-agouti genes. The inhibitor gene concentrates the color to the tips of the hairs. The base of the hairs will be white/pale toned where the hair shaft is long enough. Major tones – seal, chocolate, etc. will appear darker than in the non-smoke individual. Points of seal smokes may appear near black. Blue smoke points will appear “steel” or “gunmetal” tones. Points frequently appear “ticked”. Silver eye goggles are normal and should not be faulted. Body shading may appear darker than the non-smoke individual. Shadow barring in all points is common in kittens and younger adults and should not be faulted.

Silver Point: Silver points come in the full range of lynx point and tortie lynx point colors. They are also called “pastel points” because of the pale point colors that are presented in this group.

Silver points reflect the simultaneous presence of the partial albino inhibitor, the partial albino Siamese pointing genes and the agouti [tabby] genes. The shaft of each hair of the silver point is banded and the intense color is forced to the tips of the hair. Stripes in the major tones – seal, chocolate, blue, etc. may appear darker than the non-silvered lynx point. Silver seal points, may appear to have black or near black stripes. The areas between the stripes will appear silvery white. Body shading will be darker on the surface than the non-silvered individual. Dilute colors – fawn silver lynx points, cream lynx points, and lilac lynx points will be very pale. Full color does not develop until a cat is two years old. Cats should not be faulted for incomplete markings until that age.

OBJECTION: Fault one or more points according to severity.

- Head:** Dip in the nose, bulging forehead, Roman nose, weak chin, whisker pinch in actual bone structure. Ears too small, short, carried high on the head or too wide so they do not follow the lines of the wedge.
- Eyes:** Pale, washed out appearance in any color tone.
- Neck:** Carried low between shoulders, appears to telescope.
- Body:** Flabby muscles, lack of muscle mass, excessively soft body, emaciation, starvation to appear slim.
- Legs:** Weak hind legs, short legs, heavy boning.
- Tail:** Short, thick, non-visible kink or fault; in alters – visible kink.
- Coat:** Appearance of a definite double coat [downy undercoat].

WITHHOLD: Visible tail fault in kittens and adult whole cats.
Pectus excavatum (malformation of the lower rib cage), flattened chest, tunnel chest.
White lockets, groin spots, other irregular color spots, and white toes on non –“and white” cats.

DISQUALIFY: Malocclusion severe enough to affect breathing.

Split Feet.

Sanding or mechanical abrasion of the coat.

Shorthair (as in Oriental Shorthair) Transfer to Oriental Shorthair.