

Pattern:

The color of the mask, tail, ears and legs should be dense and clearly defined. They should all be of the same shade. The mask will cover the entire face [except in the white pattern areas] and may be connected to the ears by tracings. It often takes on the appearance of the Lone Ranger's face mask. Color patterns consist of the 'preferred white' patterning and 'accepted minimum/maximum' white patterning. Amount of penalty shall be determined by the amount of deviation from the preferred pattern.

The preferred facial pattern shall consist of a white muzzle in the shape of an inverted "V" extending from the mouth to the whisker tufts above the eyes. Acceptable minimum/maximum patterns shall allow as little white as only a pronounced mustache or an unbroken blaze to a "V" as broad as halfway under the eyes [directly below], no pink eyelids, with or without a white chin. The wider the variation from the preferred pattern, the more objectionable it becomes.

The preferred foot markings shall consist of even white boots extending to the bend of the ankle on the front feet and even white boots extending to just below the hock joint on the back feet. Acceptable minimum/maximum on the front feet shall consist of just toes only to as high as the dew claw. Acceptable minimum/maximum on the back feet shall consist of white from ¼ inch above the toes to as high as ¼ inch above the hock joint at its point. White on the feet should be even [i.e., both front feet for the same height and both back feet of the same height] and as regular as possible. Patterning should be solid white. Nose leather and paw pads may be either pink or point color, or a combination of the two. In case of a tie, preference should always be given to the preferred pattern.

Condition:

Hard and muscular with no indication of fat or emaciation. An appearance of good health and vitality. When lifted, the cat should have heft.

Balance:

A medium cat with an overall well balanced appearance. While being a long animal, the look should not be svelte, but rather suggest great power and activity as well as agility.

<u>OBJECTION:</u>	<p>Head: Extreme head length, muzzle either too pointed or too broad, extreme rounded or "apple headed" appearance, extreme muzzle pinch.</p> <p>Ears: Small rounded ears.</p> <p>Eyes: Small or severely slanted eyes, round eyes. Pale or dull eye color.</p> <p>Body: Long, slender neck. Body of extreme length. Sleek, dainty or small in appearance.</p> <p>Legs: Fine boning. Extreme length out of proportion with the rest of the body.</p> <p>Tail: Thin or whip-like tail.</p> <p>Coat: Double or plush coat.</p> <p>Pattern: Penalize irregularities or runners in or outside the pattern outlines or asymmetrical markings. Also penalize point color, or spots inside the pattern, or lack of point color above the white pattern on any leg. Amount of penalty shall be determined by the amount of deviation from the preferred pattern.</p>
<u>WITHHOLD:</u>	<p>Crossed Eyes. Eye color other than Blue. Incorrect number of toes. Kinked tail. Long coat.</p> <p>Color: Light, dark or colored spots as opposed to shading on any part of the body. White should not occur on any part of the body, including the tail and ears, except as described in the pattern and color descriptions.</p> <p>Pattern: Less than the minimum preferred facial pattern. Point color so extensive within the pattern that the pattern is obscured. Lack of white or white higher than that described in the pattern descriptions for legs and feet.</p>

ACCEPTABLE SNOWSHOE PATTERNS

