



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Standard of Points

SPHYNX – SPX

The Sphynx known as the hairless cat retains a variable amount of short down fur that is most noticeable at the extremities of the body. The face shows an angular appearance with wide cheeks and large triangular ears. Body feels warm to the touch with a barrel shaped chest and full stomach. Temperament is affectionate and friendly.

HEAD	Slightly longer than wide with prominent cheek bones and a slight whisker break. Face slightly angular in appearance. Whiskers and eyebrows may or may not be present.	
NOSE	Shortish with a slight to moderate stop.	
EARS	Very large, wide at base with rounded tips. Set wide apart and carried upright.	
EYES	Large and full, lemon shape. Set well back and slanting towards the outer edges of the ears. Eye colour to conform with coat/skin colour. Bright, Clear and pure in colour	
NECK	Long, slender and elegant.	
BODY	Medium size. Hard and muscular with a barrel chest Sturdy and rounded, thick through the abdomen.	
LEGS	Long and muscular, not fine boned.	
PAWS	Medium and oval shaped with long toes.	
TAIL	Long, fine and tapering, may be tufted at tail tip.	
COAT	The sphynx is not a truly hairless cat, but should be the texture of suede and warm to the touch. Body may be covered with very short fine down. Tightly packed hair on the ears, muzzle, tail, feet and scrotum. The skin often has a wrinkled appearance, especially in kittens. Body of adults should not be excessively wrinkled.	
FAULTS	Body that is too thin, frail or fine boned. Ears either low set or set on top of head.	
Fault precluding an award	Hair other than down, over parts other than specified.	
SCALE OF POINTS	Head	20
	Ears	10
	Eye shape and colour	5
	Body, Legs, Tail	25
	Coat/Skin/hairlessness	15
	Coat/skin colour and pattern	10
	Overall balance	10
	Condition	5

SPHYNX COLOURS (Revised February 2011)

SELFS

SOLID	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
White	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	63
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac Red, Cream	Additionally Clear blue & Odd-Eyed (one eye blue the other one of the accepted colours) Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	63
TORTIES	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	64

PATCHED Bicolour / Harlequin / Van

NB: In Bi-Colour, Harlequin & Van - **Blue** and **Odd-Eyes** also accepted

Odd-Eyed: One eye blue the other as required per pattern/colour description

Solid	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	68
Tortoiseshell (Calico)	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	71
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac		
Tabby	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	87
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream		
Tortie Tabby	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	87
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac		



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POINTED Himalayan

<u>SELF POINTED</u>	<u>EYE COLOUR</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream	Clear Blue	78
<u>TORTIE POINTED</u> Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac	Clear Blue	79
<u>TABBY POINTED</u> Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream	Clear Blue	81
<u>TORTIE TABBY POINTED</u> Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac	Clear Blue	82

POINTED Mink(Tonkinese) (Page revised February 2011)

<u>SELF (Mink)</u>	<u>EYE COLOUR</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac	Blue green	60

TABBY (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted)

<u>SOLIDS</u>	<u>EYE COLOUR</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	87
<u>TORTIE TABBY</u> Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac	Amber / Hazel / Green – with Gold preferred	87