

Tonkinese

The Tonkinese should be of medium build and foreign type. The body should be firm and muscular with the head, body, legs, feet and tail in proportion to give a well-balanced appearance. Due to the unique genetics coming to their best around two years old.

HEAD	The top should be gently rounded with good width between the ears, a moderately proportioned wedge with a muzzle that is neither pointed nor square and a definite but not exaggerated whisker pinch. In profile there should be a slight nose break leading down to a level bite and a chin of medium depth.
EARS	Medium size, slightly taller than wide, pricked forward, with broad base and oval tips. Base equally balanced between side and top of head, with the outer line continuing the line of the wedge.
EYES	Large and expressive, almond shaped rather than round and set well apart. The top line of the eye is slanted down towards the nose; the lower line of the eye is rounded.
CHIN	Firm.
BODY	Medium to long, well balanced, firm and muscular. Chest slightly rounded, flanks level, back rising gently from shoulders to rump.
LEGS	Legs slender and well muscled, the hind legs slightly longer than the front.
PAWS	Paws neat and oval in shape.
TAIL	Tapering tail of medium length, neither thick nor whippy.
COAT	Close lying and short. Fine, soft and silky with a lustrous sheen.
EYE COLOUR	Pointed pattern - clear blue. Solid pattern - yellow to green. Mink pattern - any shade of greenish-blue or bluish-green is acceptable. The eye colour in all Tonkinese may vary in intensity depending upon the influence of the light and the mood of the cat. Incomplete development of eye colour may be found in kittens and young cats.
COAT COLOUR	The Mink coat pattern is unique. It is expressed as a subtle merging of toning colour from the darker ears, mask, legs, feet and tail to the lighter body colour, and is quite different to a self or pointed pattern. It is important that the difference between the points and body colour is not sharply defined. There may be more contrast between the points and body colour in the Tabby patterns. The legs and feet may be paler than the other points but should match in tone. The body colour should lighten gradually towards the under parts. The body should be free of tabby markings in non-tabby adults and the colour will pale towards the roots of the hair (coat pattern in kittens may develop slowly and may show some slight tabby markings, which should not be faulted). The pointed pattern follows the description of the other pointed breeds. The solid pattern follows the description of the Burmese coat pattern and colours and the tabby variety follows the description of the Asian tabby with Burmese restriction coat pattern and colours.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	20
Ears	5
Eyes shape and set	5
Eye colour	10
Body	10
Legs & Feet	5
Tail	5
Coat Colour & Pattern	20
Coat Texture	10
Condition	5
Temperament	5
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FAULTS

Withhold all awards for:

- Miniaturisation
- White patches anywhere.

Withhold Certificates or First Prized in Kitten Classes for:

- Tabby or ghost tabby markings in non-tabby adults.
- Incorrect eye colour.
- Round eyes.
- Long narrow wedge or very short wedge
- Straight profile or pronounced nose break
- Any defect as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds section.

Major awards **may** be withheld, depending on the degree of the following faults:

- A complete hood.
- Lack of contrast between body and points.
- Heavily marked body, e.g. spots or bars.
- Incorrect colour on nose leather or pads.
- Lack of tracings. (For solid colour pointed cats.)
- Heavy ringing on tail. (For solid colour pointed cats.)

Tonkinese Coat Colour

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Allowable Outcross Breeds:

Siamese
Burmese.

Kittens born from a first generation Siamese/Burmese mating are also registered as Tonkinese.