**Oriental**

*The Oriental cat is a well-balanced animal with head, ears and neck carried on a long svelte body, supported on fine legs and feet and with a tail in proportion.*

The head - frontal view and profile - is wedge-shaped, neither round nor sharp. Alert and intelligent expression.

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| **HEAD** | Wedge-shaped, long and well proportioned, carried on an elegant neck, with good width between the ears, narrowing in straight lines to a fine muzzle. The wedge starts at the tip of the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears, forming an equilateral triangle. The skull is slightly rounded. Straight profile and strong chin. |
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| **CHIN** | Strong |
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| **NECK** | Elegant.  |
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| **EARS** | Large and pricked, wide at base, set so as to continue the lines of the wedge. |
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| **EYES** | Oriental eye shape, pointed at inner and outer corners. Set well apart and slanting towards the nose. Eye size medium, neither protruding nor recessed. |
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| **BODY** | Medium in size, long, svelte and elegant. |
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| **LEGS** | Long, proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than front legs. |
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| **PAWS** | Small and oval. |
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| **TAIL** | Long, tapering and whip-like. |
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| **COAT** | Short and fine in texture, glossy and close lying. |
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| **SCALE OF POINTS** |
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|  | **Type:** | **Head** | **15** |
|  |  | **Ears** | **5** |
|  |  | **Eyes** | **5** |
|  |  | **Body** | **15** |
|  |  | **Legs and paws** | **5** |
|  |  | **Tail** | **5** |
|  |  | **Coat texture** | **10** |
|  | **Colour:** | **Eye Colour** | **10** |
|  |  | **Coat and / or pattern** | **20** |
|  | **Condition** | **5** |
|  | **Temperament** |  **5** |
|  | **100** |

**NOTE:** The following colours/ patterns are not recognized as Siamese in SACC, but as Pointed Orientals:

* Pointed Smokes
* Pointed Silver tabbies
* Pointed Bicolours

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|  | **FAULTS****Major awards may be withheld, depending on degree of the following faults:*** Very weak chin.
* Uneven bite.
* Protruding lower end of sternum.
* Double coat.
* Any defects as listed under the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

**Withhold major awards for:*** Very weak chin **and** uneven bite.
* Fixed squint in one or both eyes.

**Disqualify exhibit for:**1. White toe or toes, except in breeds permitted white on feet.
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### Oriental coat colours

Self colours [White, black, blue, chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, red,

cream, apricot and tortoiseshells] Page G22

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### Oriental eye colours

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| **Self colours:**WhiteBlack, blue, chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, red, cream, apricotBlack tortoiseshell, blue tortoiseshell, chocolate tortoiseshell, lilac tortoiseshell, cinnamon tortoiseshell, fawn tortoiseshell, caramel tortoiseshell | **Eye Colour:**Clear, brilliant deep blue orGreen orOdd Eyed (green/blue)All: Green  All: Green  |
| Shaded coloursTipped and Smokes including all tortoiseshell variations. | All: Green  |
| Patterned coloursAll classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked tabbies, incl. Silver tabbies.All tortoiseshell tabbies (classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked) incl. Silver tortoiseshell tabbies | Green. |
| Patched coloursBi-colours, Harlequins, Vans and all Calicos | GreenBlue eyedOdd-eyed (green/blue) |

**Allowable Outcrosses:** Siamese

**Note:** Any offspring from parents other than Siamese or Orientals may not be registered as Orientals.

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