

## WCF Standard – Breed standards: Aphrodite's Giants

The Aphrodite's Giants are based on the oldest documented cat that lived tamed with humans. Found in a Stone Age grave with a skeleton similar to the today living Aphrodite's Giants on the island of Cyprus. The Davis laboratories in the U.S., Dr. Lyons in a Genetics research program has produced a specific fingerprint for purebred cats. 30 Aphrodite's Giants were also investigated and shown genetically. From the basis of DNA scans, Dr. Lyons has agreed that the genetic fingerprint of the Aphrodite's Giants is very consistent and could be recognized on this basis a breed.

### Standard of Points

Description      Aphrodite's Giants (Mediterranean Breed)

- Head:** From the front a long triangle, cheek line straight. Long straight muzzle and nose, with a very slight dip under the height of the eyes. Strong chin and teeth. Front slightly rounded, slight dome to the forehead.
- Eyes:** Olive shaped, from a bit rounder to a bit more oval. Eyes are placed oblique. All colours allowed. Pale blue and light yellow is valued to be as good as dark blue and green. Colour should be uniform.
- Ears:** Wide at the base, medium to large ears, placed in form of an open V with a slightly rounded space between the ears on the top-head
- Body:** Big and strong. Elegant, lean muscular body, not cobby. Long back and neck. Muscular shoulders and hips Big body measures. Morphology develops quickly. Due to development of breed, kitten could be less muscular but big boned from the beginning. Back legs slightly longer than front legs. Tail medium to long and in balance with the body measures. In shorthair variety tip of tail more slender than the heavy root.
- Coat:** Soft cotton-woolly coat, not too short with undercoat in Winter, in summer much shorter and no undercoat. Not much topcoat covering. Neither in summer nor in winter. Only on back very little top-coat covering Coat very soft to the touch.
- Colours:** All colours with the exception of pointed colours and mink. Solid colour should be without white. In bicolour non regular colour setting is desired

### **Scale of Points:**

Head:	20	Points
Eyes:	5	Points
Ears:	5	Points
Body:	35	Points
Coat and colour:	25	Points
Tail:	5	Points
Condition:	5	Points

It is believed, that they developed separated from other populations in the inner country of Cyprus. Due to the hard circumstances of living, cold, wet winters and very dry hot summers they developed their tremendous coats and huge boning. The main food were big lizards, snakes and rats. Smaller cats or cats with weak teeth were not able to survive hard living in the mountains. To maintain the beauty of the Aphrodite's we would like to request judges to prefer large examples of both sex of that breed.