

Maine Coon (MCO)

Body

The large to very large cat has a muscular, elongated and broad body. It gives an overall rectangular impression.

The muscular neck is of medium length, the rib cage is broad. The medium long legs are solid and muscular. The paws are large, round and tufted.

Tail

The tail is long and shall reach at least to the shoulders. It is broad at the base, tapering and with flowing furnishing.

Head

The large, massive head with straight contours appears square.

Cheek bones are high.

The nose is of medium length. The profile is curved.

The muzzle is massive and square and clearly defined.

The chin is massive and solid and is in line with the upper lips and the nose.

Ears

The ears are very large with a broad base and tapering. They are upright; the outer line continues the head outline. The distance between the ears to be no less than an ear width. The ear furnishing extends beyond the outer edge of the ears, ear tufts (lynx tufts) are desirable.

Eyes

The eyes are large, oval, set wide apart and slightly slanted. Eye colour shall be even and corresponds with the coat colour.

Blue and odd eyes are allowed only in pure white, bicolour, harlequin and van (01, 02 and 03) providing there is a white mask.

Coat

Except the frill, the fur on the head and the shoulders is short and becomes distinctly longer along the back and the flanks, as well as on the belly. The dense undercoat is soft and fine under the coarser, firm top coat. The dense, loosely falling top coat is water repellent and covers the back, flanks and top of the tail completely.

The under parts of the body and the back of the hind legs have only undercoat. Longer furnishing on the chest is desirable, a full frill is not required.

Colour varieties

The colours chocolate and cinnamon, as well as their dilution (lilac and fawn) are not recognized in any combinations (bicolour, tricolour, tabby). The pointed pattern is also not recognized. All other colours and patterns are recognized.

Any amount of white is permitted. The description of colours is listed in the general list of colours.

Faults

- Coat with an overall even length
- Ears very close and set straight up
- Ears wide set and flared
- Roman nose, pronounced bump on nose

Faults that exclude the certificate

- Straight profile
- Roman nose
- Weak or receding chin
- Round eyes
- Short tail
- Extremely short or extremely long body

Disqualification

- Very narrow torso
- Very fine boning
- Hocking of back legs

Permitted outcrosses

None

Scale of points

Body	35 points
Head	30 points
Eyecolour	5 points
Coat texture, colour and pattern	25 points
Condition	5 points

