



Russian Blue (RUS)

General

The Russian Blue is an elegant short-haired cat with graceful stature and overall appearance

Body

The medium sized, slightly elongated cat has a medium solid, muscular body.

The legs are long and slender, the paws are narrow and oval.

Tail

The tail is long and ends in a slightly rounded tip.

Head

The head is of medium length, with a flat skull. The flat forehead and the straight nose form a convex angle in profile at the level of the eye brows.

Ideally the forehead forms one third and, the nose two thirds of the profile.

The whisker pads are very pronounced, the chin is firm.

Ears

The ears are large, wide at the base and slightly pointed. They are slightly tilted forward and placed vertical on the head, but not upright (the tips of the ears point just slightly outwards at approx. 11 and 1 o'clock) with distance between them at least one ear width.

The inner side is sparsely furnished, causing the ears to appear thin and almost transparent.

Eyes

The eyes are large and oval. They are set wide apart. The colour is an intense green.

Coat

The coat is short, silky and soft, standing away from the body.

The coat is double (undercoat and top coat of equal length) and therefore appears to be very dense.

Colour varieties

Blue, black and white.

Blue:

Pure, even blue, with a distinct silver sheen (the tips of the hairs have a silver tipping).

A medium blue colour is preferred.

Nose leather blue-grey, paw pads lavender pink.

Black:

Jet-black, with a distinct sheen, sound to the roots and without any rustiness.

Nose leather and paw pads are black.

White:

Pure, sparkling white, with a glistening sheen, free from any yellow tinge.

White kittens often have a coloured cap on the head, ranging from a few hairs to a considerable patch.

This is normal, disappears with the growth of the first adult coat, and should not be penalised.

Nose leather and paw pads are pink.

Faults

General:

- too wide and low ears set,
- too deep set or protruding eyes
- any tendency to squint
- weak chin
- a close lying coat is a severe fault
- black colour: very pale undercoat in adults
- white colour: yellow tinge

Faults that exclude the certificate

- close lying coat
- eye colour not completely green
- oriental-like ears placement

Disqualification

- any eye colour other than green
- white lockets, medaillon

Permitted outcrosses:

None

Scale of points

Body	25 points
Head	30 points
Eyes	10 points
Coat texture	20 points
Coat colour, tipping	10 points
Condition	5 points