

### Siberian Cat – Neva Masquerade (SIB)

#### Body

The medium to large sized cat is muscular and heavy. The legs are also muscular and of medium length. The paws are large, compact and round with toe tufts. The neck is short and solid.

#### Tail

The tail reaches to the shoulder blades, it is slightly tapering and bushy.

#### Head

The head has the shape of a short and broad trapezium with low set, broad cheek bones, rounded muzzle and slightly rounded chin. The forehead is slightly arched at eyebrow level. The nose is equally broad from the base to the nose leather. The contours are gently rounded, the profile slightly curved.

#### Ears

The ears are of medium size, broad at the base with a slightly rounded tip. They are set wide apart and slightly tilted forwards.

#### Eyes

The eyes are large, slightly oval and rounded at the lower edge, set at a slight slant and wide apart. All shades from yellow/golden to green are permitted.

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

In pointed patterns (Neva Masquerade) the colour is blue, the darker the better.

#### Coat

The coat is of medium length. The very dense undercoat is shorter than the top coat, it is soft but resilient under a coarser, firm top coat. The dense, loosely falling top coat is water repellent, has a firm structure, firm to touch and glossy. It covers the back, the flanks and top of the tail completely. The under parts of the body and the back of the hind legs have only undercoat.

The coat is particularly long on the neck, the chest, the trousers and the tail but prone to seasonal length changes.

#### Colour varieties

The colours chocolate and cinnamon, as well as their dilution (lilac and fawn) are not recognized in any combinations (bicour, tricour, tabby) for the Siberian Cat and the Neva Masquerade.

The Tonkinese and Burmese-factor 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.

The Neva Masquerade is a colourpoint variety of the Siberian cat and not a separate breed.

#### Faults

- Overdeveloped undercoat
- Round eyes
- High set and/or narrow cheekbones
- Straight profile or a deep profile curve
- Pointed or small muzzle

### Faults that exclude the certificate

- Weak muscles and boning, insufficient size
- Very soft and fine guard hair in adults

### Disqualification

- Head shape clearly square, round or triangular with a deep stop or totally straight profile
- Hocking of back legs
- Pointed cats with any other eye colour than blue

### Permitted outcrosses

The general assembly of the WCF decided at its meeting in Milan on August 03, 2002 that cross-breeding with other breeds in all natural breeds, such as Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest, Turkish cats and Siberian, needs the permission of the judges' commission.

### Scale of points

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

