



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard SPHYNX

Sphynx POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	5
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	10
(d) Eyes	5
(e) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	5
(f) Cheekbones	5
Body structure	
(a) Neck	5
(b) Chest	10
(c) Abdomen & Rump	10
(d) Legs & Feet	5
(e) Tail	5
Coat & Skin	25
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness, although Sphynx are not actually completely hairless cats and there should be some evidence of “hair” on the bridge of the nose and the ears. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with surprising weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. The body feels warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to either a soft peach or a smooth nectarine. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, and amenable to handling.

HEAD

EYES	large, lemon-shaped, with wide-open center while coming to a definite point on each side. Placement should be at a slight upward angle, aligning with the outer base of the ear. Eyes set to be set wide apart, with the distance between the eyes being a minimum of one eye width. As no points are assigned to eye color, all eye colors are accepted and should be harmonious with coat/skin color.
EARS	large to very large. The base is board, open and upright. When



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	viewed from the front, the outer base of the ear should begin at the level of the eye, neither low set nor on top of the head. The interior of the ears is naturally without furnishing
HEAD SHAPE & SIZE	the head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones, a distinctive whisker break and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. NOSE & PROFILE: The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.
MUZZLE & CHIN	whisker break with prominent whisker pads. Strong, well developed chin forming perpendicular line with upper lip
CHEEKS & CHEEKBONES	prominent, rounded cheekbones which define the eye and form a curve above the whisker break

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	the body is medium length, hard and muscular with broad rounded chest and full round abdomen. The rump is well rounded and muscular. Back line rises just behind the shoulder blades to accommodate longer back legs when standing. Boning is medium
LEGS & FEET	legs are medium in proportion to the body. They are sturdy and well muscled with rear legs being slightly longer than the front. Paws are oval with well-knuckled toes; five in front and four behind. The paw pads are thick, giving the appearance of walking on cushions.
TAIL	slender, flexible, and long while maintaining proportion to body length. Whip-like, tapering to a fine point.
NECK	the neck is medium in length, rounded, well-muscled, with a slight arch. Allowance to be made for heavy musculature in adult males

COAT & SKIN:

The appearance of this cat is one of hairlessness. Short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail, and the scrotum. The bridge of the nose should be normally coated. The remainder of the body can range from completely hairless to a covering of soft peach-like fuzz whose length does not interfere with the appearance of hairlessness. This coat/skin texture creates a feeling of resistance when stroking the cat. Wrinkled skin is desirable, particularly around the muzzle, between the ears, and around the shoulders. There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.



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COAT COLOR:

Color and pattern are difficult to distinguish and should not affect the judging of the cat. White lockets, buttons, or belly spots are allowed.

CONDITION:

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

PENALIZE:

- ❖ Hair other than described.
- ❖ Delicate or frail appearance.
- ❖ Thin abdomen, thin rump, or narrow chest.
- ❖ Bowed front legs.
- ❖ Should not resemble the Devon Rex, Cornish Rex or Oriental body type

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ kinked or abnormal tail.
- ❖ Structural abnormalities.
- ❖ Aggressive behavior endangering the judge

SPHYNX CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cats	Male Class	Female Class
Pedigreed	PSPYM	PSPYF
Supernova	SSPYM	SSPYF

Sphynx allowable outcross breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross