



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard PERSIAN

Persian POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Eyes	5
(b) Nose	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Head shape and skull structure	10
(e) Chin, cheeks and jaws	5
Body structure	
(a) Boning	5
(b) Size	5
(c) Shape	5
(d) Leg & Tail	5
Balance & Refinement	15
Coat Color	15
Coat	10
Eye Color	5
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The ideal Persian should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The long and thick coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Balance and refinement are important for Persian, where all parts come together in a harmonious way.

HEAD:

EYES	Brilliant in color, large, round, and full. Set level and far apart, giving a sweet and open expression to the face.
NOSE	Short, snub with "break" centered between the eyes. The horizontal position of the "break" is in the middle of the eyes, cannot be too



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	high or too low.
EARS	Small, round tipped, tilted forward, and not unduly open at the base. Set far apart, and low on the head, fitting into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head.
HEAD SHAPE	Round and massive, with great breadth of skull. Well set on a short, thick neck.
SKULL STRUCTURE	Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch and not unduly exaggerated from where the forehead begins at the top of the break to the back of the head, as well as across the breadth between the ears. When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment
CHIN	Full, well-developed, and firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite.
CHEEKS	Full. Muzzle not overly pronounced, smoothing nicely into the cheeks.
JAWS	Broad and powerful.

BODY:

SHAPE	A cobby type, low on the legs, broad and deep through the chest, equally massive across the shoulders and rump, with a well rounded midsection and level back.
BONING	Good muscle tone with no evidence of obesity.
SIZE	Large or medium in size. Quality is rather than size. Balance is more important
LEGS	Short, thick, and strong. Forelegs straight. Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind.
PAWS	Large, round, and firm. Toes carried close, five in front and four behind.
TAIL	Length in proportion to body length. It cannot be too short. Carried without a curve and at an angle lower than the back.

COAT:

Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full

COAT COLOR:



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For Tabby color, 10 points will be on the color and 5 points on the tabby. For Bi-color, it won't separate white with color to score. Harmony in overall color tune is preferred.

EYE COLOR:

Brilliant in color. Odd eye color: a big contrast between two eye colors is required.

CONDITION:

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

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Locket or button
- ❖ Kinked or abnormal tail
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.
- ❖ Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters.
- ❖ Any apparent deformity of the spine.
- ❖ Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head.
- ❖ Crossed eyes.
- ❖ Tip-tongue.
- ❖ Improper bite.

PERSIAN CODE AND NUMBERS

Persian is divided into 7 Divisions which are Solid Color, Silver & Golden, Smoke & Shaded, Tabby, Parti-Color, Bi-Color, Himalayan.

Type of Registered Cat	Male Class	Female Class
<i>SOLID COLOR DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	PPESM	PPESF
Supernova	SPESM	SPESF
<i>SLIVER & GOLDEN DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	PPEGM	PPEGF
Supernova	SPEGM	SPEGF
<i>SMOKE & SHADED DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	SPEMM	SPEMF



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Supernova	SPEMM	SPEMF
<i>TABBY DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	PPETM	PPETF
Supernova	SPETM	SPETF
<i>PARTI-COLOR DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	-----	PPEPF
Supernova	-----	SPEPF
<i>BI-COLOR DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	PPEBM	PPEBF
Supernova	SPEBM	SPEBF
<i>HIMALAYAN DIVISION</i>		
Pedigreed	PPEHM	PPEHF
Supernova	SPEHM	SPEHF

Persian allowable outcross breeds: None