



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

KHAO MANEE

Khao Manee POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	5
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	25
(e) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	5
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	15
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Tail	5
Coat	
(a) Length	5
(b) Texture	10
Color	
(a) Body Color	5
(b) Eye Color	10
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The Khao Manee is a natural breed of Thailand. The Khao-plort (“all white”) cat with mercury colored eyes is described in the Tamra Maew, the Siamese Cat Poems, dating at least 700 years ago. Although it is not certain when the cat fanciers of Siam began to favor odd-eyes in the Khao-plort, it was probably about 100 years ago. The cats at that time came to be called Khaomanee which means “white gem”. Like other native cats of Thailand, they should have characteristics suitable for the hot, wet, tropical climate, including a lithe, but not extreme, body, medium length nose (to handle hot air better than a short nose), a short smooth coat, and a muscular and athletic, but never bulky, body. Characteristics more typical of Western breeds, such as round heads with short muzzles and round eyes, are to be avoided. The personality of the Khao Manee, like that of all the native cats of Thailand, is communicative, though not necessarily noisy. They are active, playful, curious cats. They love to interact with people and hate to be left alone and ignored. The Khao Manee is a highly intelligent and affectionate breed.

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EYES	Slightly to moderately large and luminous. An open almond shape, somewhat rounded when fully open or startled, but with a noticeable Asian slant when relaxed. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Any eye color permissible, but must be clear, vivid, and jewel-like in tone
EARS	Slightly large, wide at the base, oval tips, somewhat longer than width at base. Ears should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated from each other, a bit less than an ear base width apart. Allow for light furnishings
NOSE & PROFILE	Long, very slightly convex forehead. Nearly straight profile, but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes. Nose may be slightly convex.
HEAD SHAPE & SIZE	Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Viewed from the front, the face appears elliptical, with focus points just below the outer corners of the eyes. Fairly prominent cheek bones lie along an inner ellipse with the same focus points. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of an equilateral triangle.
MUZZLE & CHIN	Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, forming boundary of hemispheric, rounded muzzle. Moderate chin, proportional to the nose.

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Medium torso. Very firm musculature, but cat should look agile and feel flexible and springy, not meaty or heavy. Males should have more muscle than females, but should not be cobby or thick-necked. Underbelly is mostly firm, level and parallel to the ground, but some loose skin on the underbelly is permissible.
LEG & FEET	Medium to slightly long, well-proportioned to body. Front legs slightly shorter than back legs. Boning medium to slightly refined in females and slightly robust in males. PAWS: oval in shape, medium in size. Toes: five in front and four behind
TAIL	Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Palpable kinks accepted.

COAT & SKIN:

Hair is medium short in length, fine, and slightly open; smooth enough to reveal musculature, with a sparse to moderate undercoat. Hair is neither coarse nor fluffy.



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COLOR:

COAT COLOR	Pure, glistening white. A headcap of color indicating the underlying genotype may persist until 18 months of age.
NOSE LEATHER & LIPS	Pink
PAW PADS	Pink
EYE COLOR	luminous, vibrant color, any shade of blue (including aqua), gold (including shades of brown, copper, amber, yellow, and hazel), or green. Allowance for multiple colors or shades between eyes or within an eye.

CONDITION:

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

PENALIZE:

- ❖ Fully round eyes with no indication of an Asian slant.
- ❖ Small or dull looking eyes.
- ❖ Short, blunt muzzle or long, pointed muzzle.
- ❖ Straight profile.
- ❖ Narrow upper head or narrow space between the ears;
- ❖ small ears, very large pointed ears, or ears set low or high (significantly above or below 11 and 1 o'clock).
- ❖ Overly cobby or overly foreign body.

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Visible tail kink.
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.
- ❖ Crossed eyes. Any color but white.

KHAO MANEE CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cats	Male Class	Female Class
Pedigreed	PKOMM	PKOMF



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Supernova	SKOMM	SKOMF

Khao Manee allowable outcross breeds: None