



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

Suphaluk Cat

POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	5
(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	15
(b) Eye Color	10
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The Suphaluk or “Thong Daeng (copper) cat” is the most rare of the Maew Boran colors. The hallmark of this color is a rich brown coat, just as dark on its body as on its paws, nose, and tail. This cat is as brown as the Konja is black and Korat is grey. In the Thai sun, the coat develops an almost red cast, though in less severe light, the coat remains a more solid brown. The Suphalak could be considered the natural breed equivalent of the Havana Brown.

In all the older *Tamra Maew* manuscripts the name *Thong Daeng* appears, or "Copper". The name *Suphalak* also appears within the *Tamra Maew* poem in reference to the cat's characteristics as being magnificent. One poem makes reference to the rarity of this cat, in comparison to gold. The coat color is said to be a solid color of thong daeng. While the translation to English is not completely clear, there is mention of 'ripe copper', perhaps better referred to as heated copper which takes on more of a red cast. In other manuscripts the hair color is simply described as solid red. The eye color is compared to *thuptim*, translating to Pomegranate, or Ruby. A cat with ruby red eyes seems unlikely, however the skin of



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pomegranates in Thailand have yellow-gold color, offering an alternative interpretation more accurate to the color observed in suphaluk seen today. The eyes are also said sparkle and shine, like shining rays. Translations by TIMBA.

HEAD

EYES	Slightly and moderately large and luminous. An open oval shape, but with a noticeable Asian slant when relaxed. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Eye color is compared to <i>thupim</i> , translating to Pomegranate, or Ruby. Eyes must be clear and vivid in color
EARS	Slightly large, wide at the base, round ear 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. Ear size should be appropriate to the face size
NOSE & PROFILE	Long, very slightly convex forehead. Slightly curved but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes.
HEAD SHAPE AND SIZE	Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Viewed from the front, the face appears elliptical. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of an equilateral triangle. Top head is smooth without any bump or horn. Structure of the skull is a bit heart shape.
MUZZLE and CHIN	Medium in length and width. Muzzle is small tapering and gently rounded. Moderate chin, proportional to the nose.

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Medium torso. Very firm musculature. 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.
LEGS & FEET	Medium to slightly long, well-proportioned to body. Boning medium, neither fine-boned nor heavy-boned. PAWS: oval in shape, medium in size. Toes: five in front and four behind
TAIL	Tapering long, measurable at least same length from the tail tip to the shoulder and longer is better. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Tail should be flexible without any kink.

COAT & SKIN:



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Hair is medium short in length, fine; smooth enough to reveal musculature. Hair is single layer. Coat looks very shiny and smooth in texture.

COLOR:

COAT COLOR: Copper, rich brown color. Shiny and smooth in appearance. Whisker is copper in color

Paw pads: Copper

EYE COLOR: luminous, vibrant color, Eye color is compared to *thupitim*, translating to Pomegranate, or Ruby.

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.
- ❖ 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 copper or rich brown.
- ❖ Eye color not ruby or pomegranate

SUPHALUK CODE AND NUMBER

Type of Registered Cats	Male Color Class	Female Color Class
Pedigreed	PSUPM	PSUPF
Supernova	SSUPM	SSUPF



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Suphaluk allowable outcross breeds: None