

# Lykoi

## Lykoi POINT SCORE

| Scoring Area              | Scores |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Head                      |        |
| (a) Shape                 | 5      |
| (b) Ears                  | 5      |
| (c) Eyes                  | 5      |
| (d) Muzzle, Chin and jaws | 10     |
| (e) Nose and profile      | 5      |
| Body structure            |        |
| (a) Shape & Size          | 10     |
| (b) Legs & Feet           | 5      |
| (c) Musculature           | 5      |
| (d) Tail                  | 5      |
| Coat                      |        |
| (a) Density               | 15     |
| (b) Mask                  | 15     |
| (c) Color/Roaning         | 10     |
| Condition                 | 5      |
| Total                     | 100    |

## **GENERAL:**

The "Lykoi", which in greek, roughly translates to "wolf", is a breed derived from a naturally occuring mutation found in the feral cat population.

A combination of 3 distinct traits set the Lykoi apart from all other breeds.

- 1) A lack of undercoat.
- 2) Sparse guard hair on legs, feet and face mask which gives the appearance of a werewolf.
- 3) Roaning; an amelanistic color pattern of intermixed white and colored guard hairs.

The physical impression of the Lykoi is a striking cat with no undercoat and intermixed guard hairs that cover an elegant, semi-foreign body. The large, bright, walnut shaped eyes combined with the distinct partial hairlessness around the eyes, nose, muzzle and chin give the Lykoi a mythical, werewolf-like appearance.



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## **HEAD**

| EYES           | Large, walnut shaped, slanting upward with an open expression, hairless rims desirable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| NOSE & PROFILE | Slightly rounded from the top of the head to the brow with a smooth concave curve from brow to bridge. No hard stop.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| EARS           | Tall, open at the base, rounded tips and set high on the head. Vertical and erect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HEAD SHAPE     | Modified wedge with rounded contours from nose to cheeks to ears. Slightly rounded forehead. Length is slightly longer than width.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| MUZZLE         | Face is a less extreme foreign type. Muzzle is medium in length, gently rounded hairless whisker pad with a definite whisker break. Well-developed chin and align vertically with the nose tip. Nose is hairless and slightly rounded down at the end. Its appearance of a mask when connecting with the hairless areas surrounding the eyes. |

## **BODY:**

| SHAPE       | Medium between slightly slender and semi-foreign. Proportion and  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
|             | larger balance allowed in males. Neck is medium. Neither thin nor |  |  |
|             | overly muscular                                                   |  |  |
| LEGS & FEET | Legs and feet are sparsely haired. Medium boning and medium       |  |  |
|             | length. Feet refined and oval shaped                              |  |  |
| TAIL        | Shorter than the body length                                      |  |  |
| MUSCULATURE | Solid weight, muscular without excessive bulk                     |  |  |

## **COAT:**

The coat of the Lykoi is what sets this breed apart. It is important to differentiate the undercoat, the guard hairs, and the roaning. Undercoat should be lacking over the entire body. Guard hairs cover the body, but are very sparse or completely lacking on the legs, feet, back of ears, and mask (eyes, nose, muzzle, chin.).

**COAT TEXTURE**: Undercoat must be completely absent and guard hairs are short to medium in length and soft and silky. The ideal range of guard hair body coverage is 50 to 100%

**MASK**: The face exhibits a hairless mask connecting the nose, muzzle, eyes and ears giving the classic werewolf appearance.



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#### COLOR:

Solid color cats express the characteristic coat dramatically. All colors and patterns are accepted. Amelanistic (roan) pattern in the coat will vary in appearance depending on color.

## **COLOR/ROANING:**

Colored and amelanistic hairs are intermixed throughout the coat, with each hair either colored or white, from root to tip. The ideal range of amelanistic coverage is 30 to 70%, and varies depending on depth of coat color.

## **LOCKETS**:

White lockets, buttons and belly spots are allowed.

## **CONDITION:**

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

## **PENALIZE**:

Less than 30% of body covered in guard hairs.

## **DISQUALIFY**:

Any evidence of illness or poor health. Visible tail kink. Aggressive behavior endangering the judge.

## LYKOI CODE AND NUMBERS

| Type of Registered Cats | Male Class | Female Class |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Pedigreed               | PLKIM      | PLKIF        |
| Supernova               | SLKIM      | SLKIF        |

Lykoi allowable outcross breeds: Domestic Shorthair