



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

Norwegian Forest Cat POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Eyes	10
(b) Nose & Profile	10
(c) Shape	10
(d) Muzzle & Chin	10
(e) Ears	5
(f) Neck	5
Body structure	
(a) Boning	5
(b) Shape & Size	10
(c) Legs & Feet	5
(d) Tail	5
Balance	5
Coat Color & Pattern	5
Coat	10
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The Norwegian Forest Cat is a sturdy cat with a distinguishing double coat and easily recognizable body shape. It is a slow maturing breed, attaining full growth at approximately five years of age.

HEAD:

EYES	Large, almond shaped, well-opened and expressive, set at a slight angle with the outer corner higher than the inner corner.
NOSE & PROFILE	Straight from the brow ridge to the tip of the nose without a break in the line. The flat forehead continues into a gentle curved skull and neck.
EARS	Medium to large, rounded at the tip, broad at base, set as much on the side of the head as on top of the head, alert, with the cup of the ear pointing a bit sideways. The outsides of the ears follow the lines



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	from the side of the head down to the chin. The ears are heavily furnished.
HEAD SHAPE	Shape is equilateral triangle, where all sides are of equal length as measured from the outside of the base of the ear to the point of the chin. The neck is short and heavily muscled.
MUZZLE & CHIN	Muzzle is part of the straight line extending toward the base of ear without pronounced whisker pads and without pinch; the chin is firm and should be in line with the front of the nose. It is gently rounded in profile

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Solidly muscled and well-balanced, moderate in length, substantial bone structure, with powerful appearance showing a broad chest and considerable girth without being fat. Flank has great depth.
LEGS & FEET	Medium with hind legs longer than front legs, making the rump higher than the shoulders. Thighs are heavily muscled; lower legs are substantial. When viewed from the rear, back legs are straight. When viewed from the front the paws appear to be “toe out.” Large round, firm paws with heavy tufting between toes.
TAIL	Long and bushy. Broader at the base. Desirable length is equal to the body from the base of tail to the base of neck. Guard hair is desirable.

COAT:

Distinguishing double coat and consisting of a dense undercoat, covered by long, glossy and smooth water-resistant guard hairs hanging down the sides. The bib consists of three separate sections: short collar at neck, side mutton chops, and frontal ruff. Britches are full on the hind legs. Softer coats are permitted in shaded, solid and bicolor cats. Type and quality of coat is of primary importance; color and pattern are secondary.

COAT COLOR & PATTERN:

The color and pattern should be clear and distinct. In the case of the classic, mackerel and spotted tabbies the pattern should be well-marked and even. Every color and pattern is allowable.

EYE COLOR:



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Eye color should be shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. White cats and cats with white may have blue or odd eyes.

CONDITION:

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

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ severe break in nose,
- ❖ square muzzle,
- ❖ whisker pinch,
- ❖ long rectangular body, cobby body,
- ❖ incorrect number of toes,
- ❖ crossed eyes,
- ❖ kinked or abnormal tail,
- ❖ delicate bone structure, malocclusion resulting in either undershot or overshot chin,

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cat	Male Class	Female Class
Pedigreed	PNFCM	PNFCF
Supernova	SNFCM	SNFCF

Norwegian Forest Cat allowable outcross breeds: None