BALINESE *[BAL] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)*

General

The ideal Balinese is a svelte, dainty cat with long tapering lines, very lithe and muscular; in excellent physical condition. The coat is medium long and silky, slightly longer around the neck and long on the tail to form a brush or plume. Body, points, and eye colour conform in all respects to the comparable Siamese varieties; the only difference is in hair length.

Head: Medium size, in proportion to the body, well balanced; wedge-shaped with straight lines. The wedge starts at the nose and gradually increases in width in straight lines on each side to the ears. There should be no whisker break in these lines. The skull viewed in profile is slightly convex. The nose is long and straight continuing the line from the forehead without any break. The muzzle is narrow. The chin and jaw are medium, the tip of the chin forming a vertical line with the tip of the nose. The outline of the head and ears form an equilateral triangle when viewed from the front. Neck long and slender.

Ears: Large, pointed, wide at the base and continue the lines of the wedge.

Eyes: Medium in size, neither protruding nor recessed; almond in shape and set slightly slanted towards the nose to be in harmony with the lines of the wedge.

Body: Medium in size, long and svelte, well-muscled but still dainty and elegant. The shoulders are not wider than the hips.

Legs and Feet: Legs long and fine, in proportion to the body. Feet small and oval. Hind legs longer than front legs.

Tail: Bone structure long, thin and tapering to a point. Hair long and spreading out to form a plume.

Coat: Medium long over the body, longer around the neck and on the tail to form a plume. Fine and silky texture, without any undercoat.

Remarks: ~

Faults: Tendency to squint.

Withhold Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	*including ears and eyes*	25 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:		~ points
Body:	*including, legs and tail*	25 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:	*including texture and length*	10 points
Colour:	*coat (10), points (10) eyes (15)*	*35* points
Condition:		5 points
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		100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour:	Clear bright vivid blue.
Coat Colour:	Refer to Siamese Standard.
Coat Pattern:	Refer to Siamese Standard.
Remarks:	For all varieties of Balinese, slight shading on the body harmonising with the points colour is permissible; a deeper body colour is allowed for older cats.
Faults:	Belly spots and spots on the flanks. White hairs or brindling in the points; bars in the points (except in tabby points).
Withhold Challenge:	~
Disqualify:	White toe or toes. Any other than blue eye colour.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Oriental [shorthair and longhair] /Siamese