

NEBELUNG [NEB] (Standard Source GCCF 2019)

General

The Nebelung is an elegant cat of foreign type with a semi-longhair coat of soft, silky texture in an attractive, medium blue with a silvery sheen. Shy in temperament, Nebelung need quiet, gentle handling. It is better to stand them on the table to assess their type and coat.

Head: A modified wedge with width at eye level. The wedge is medium with a flat plane between the ears. The cheekbones are high and broad. The forehead appears flat with a convex angle at the brow. In profile the forehead should appear straight to the level of the upper edge of the eye. This creates the distinctive angle that should be level with the upper edge of the eye. The profile from here to the tip of the nose has such a shallow concave curve that it appears virtually straight. There should be no stop, break or nose bump, nor should the nose be completely straight from the point of the angle to the nose tip. The tip of the chin should line up with the tip of the nose on the same vertical plane. The chin should be strong and deep with a level bite. The back of the head should not fall away. The whisker pads are prominent. The neck should be long and slender; it may seem heavier than it actually is because of the density of the small ruff.

Ears: Are as wide at the base as they are tall. Set an ear width apart; the outer line of the ears extends upwards to an angle slightly wide of parallel. Fairly tall and appear pointed. The outside is covered with short, fine hair and the inside sparsely furnished.

Eyes: The eyes are rather large, almond shaped and set wide apart. A Nebelung should have a soft, gentle expression.

Body: Long and elegant with foreign type. It should be of medium to large build (an overall weight range for an adult male 4.5 – 6.kg and for an adult female 3.5 – 5 kg). It should feel firm, lithe and muscular but not appear coarse.

Legs and Feet: Legs long, slender and elegant but not fine boned, with neat, rounded paws and generous tufting between the toes and the pads.

Tail: Rather thick at the base, tapering and well-furnished to form a brush. It should be long enough to reach the shoulder blades.

Coat: Semi-long, with a fine undercoat covered with thicker guard hairs; it is dense but soft and silky to the touch. Males may have a more developed ruff than females. Breeches are desirable as are ear tufts. The toes should be tufted.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: The condition and temperament of the Nebelung is an important consideration. Top of head in kittens may appear rounded as planes are underdeveloped.

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: Oriental Type. British or cobby type. Flat coat lacking density, particularly in Winter.

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>shape and ears</i>	20 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:	<i>shape and colour</i>	10 points
Body:		20 points
Legs and Feet:		5 points
Tail:		5 points
Coat:	<i>texture & length</i>	20 points
Colour:	<i>coat</i>	20 points
Condition:		~ points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: Green as vivid as possible.

Coat Colour: An even, clear, medium blue. The guard hairs should be tipped with silver giving the overall appearance of light silver dusting (guard hairs may be shielding the silver dusting but it should be present on closer inspection). Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable.

Coat Pattern: Solid only.

Nose Leather: Blue (pinkish lavender acceptable in kittens).

Paw Pads: Blue (pinkish lavender acceptable in kittens).

Remarks: Ghost tabby markings may be apparent in kittens. Tail rings can take some time to disappear.

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: Incorrect eye colour in adults. White spots or lockets. Lack of overall silver dusting in adults.

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Russian Blue.

All Nebelung variants (ie. shorthair) maybe used in Nebelung breeding programs with those not used to be desexed before homing as pets.

Nebelung variants are not to be used in any Russian breeding program.