

## NEVA MASQUERADE [NEM] (Standard Source: FIFe 2015)

### General

The Neva Masquerade is the pointed variety of the Siberian. The overall impression of the Neva Masquerade is of a medium to large cat of robust build with rounded contours to the torso and head; a 'bulldog' stance suggested by its strong chest and a dense semi-long all-weather coat. The slightly flatter upper eyelid affords a unique expression to the breed.

**Head:** Shape a little bit longer than broad, softly rounded, massive. Forehead broad, just slightly rounded. Cheekbones well developed, high set. Nose medium length, board, in profile shows a slight indentation, but without stop. Chin slightly slanting back, in profile creating a curve from the upper line of the nose.

**Ears:** Medium size, well open at the base, tips are rounded, with well-developed furnishings [horizontal] and tufts [vertical]. Ear set so that there is good width between, and tilting slightly forward.

**Eyes:** Large slightly oval shaped. Set slightly oblique and widely apart.

**Body:** Structure well boned and muscled, powerful neck, broad chest, body in proportion to create a rectangular appearance.

**Legs and Feet:** Medium high, to form a rectangle with the body, strong. Large round paws, well tufted between toes.

**Tail:** Medium length, thick, with rounded tip. Covered on all sides by dense hair with no hairs trailing down.

**Coat:** Semi-long, well developed, very dense, undercoat not lying flat, overcoat water repellent, slightly hard to touch. Summer coat is distinctly shorter than the winter coat. The winter coat shows a well-developed shirtfront, full frill and knickerbockers.

*For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*

**Remarks:** Females generally smaller than males.

**Faults:** Too small and finely built cats. Head long and narrow; straight profile, too round head (Persian type). Ears too large or too high set. Roundeyes. Legs too long or too thin. Tail too short. Coat too fine or silky; lying flat; lack of coat (except in summer).

### Withhold

**Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** ~

### SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including shape, nose, profile and chin</i>	25 points
Ears:	<i>shape, size and placement</i>	10 points
Eyes:	<i>shape, and colour</i>	10 points
Body:	<i>shape, size, legs, shape of paws</i>	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:	<i>length and shape</i>	5 points
Coat:	<i>quality, texture, length</i>	20 points
Colour:	<i>colour and pattern</i>	5 points
Condition:		5 points

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**100 points**

## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description

**Eye Colour:** Deep and pure a blue as possible.

**Coat Colour:** All colours allowed [except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, apricot and amber] including with white; any amount of white is allowed, ie. blaze, locket, white on chest/belly/paws etc.

**Coat Pattern:** Pointed only [but excludes sepia and mink]. The points (mask, ears, legs and feet, and tail) must be as equal in colour density as possible. There must be a good contrast between points and body colour; this is important. Body colour gradually fades to a paler tone on chest and stomach. The mask should not extend over the head.

**Nose Leather:** In accordance with body colour, outlined in agouti varieties.

**Paw Pads:** In accordance with coat colour.

**Remarks:** For judging purposes varieties are divided into Pointed Agouti, Pointed Agouti & White, Pointed Non-agouti and Pointed Non-agouti & White ie in each group a certificate is awarded.

**Faults:** Dark patches on flanks and stomach, stripes and brindling in points (except stripes in tabby varieties).

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** ~

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### BREEDERS NOTES

*Allowable outcross: Siberian*