

# NEBELUNG

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>30 Points</b>
Shape	( 3)
Eyes	( 5)
Ears	( 5)
Chin	( 2)
Muzzle	( 3)
Profile	(10)
Neck	( 2)
<b>BODY/TAIL</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Body	( 5)
Legs/Feet	(10)
Tail	(10)
Boning	( 5)
Musculature	( 5)
<b>COAT/COLOR</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Length	(15)
Color/Pattern	(15)
Condition/Balance	( 5)

**General:** The goal of the Nebelung breeding program is to produce a blue cat with the same type as those imported from Russia in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and to combine this type with a thick shimmering coat of medium length. The body and tail are long, the ears large in proportion to the head and the eyes range in color from yellowish green to green. Size is medium and the body well-muscled. The coat is medium long on the body, longer on the tail, with lighter colored guard hairs. The overall appearance is long, sturdy and well muscled.

## Head:

**Shape:** Modified wedge in good proportion to the body. More pointed than rounded, although longer hair may give a rounded look. **Size:** Proportion to body. Longer than wide. **Eyes:** SHAPE: Very slightly oval, of medium size and widely spaced. COLOR: Green with yellow/green mixture allowed. In Kittens, changing from yellow to green. Should show green halo around pupil by 8 months. As vividly green as possible at maturity, which could be at 2 years or more. The more richness and depth of color, the better **Ears:** SHAPE: Large and pointed, set to continue the modified wedge. **Chin:** Straight line from the tip of the nose to the tip of the chin. **Muzzle:** Medium length. Puffy whisker pads, which may give a pouty, look in females. Allowance to be made for jowls in the stud cat. Nose pad is charcoal gray. **Profile:** The forehead should appear straight to the level of the upper edge of the eye. The profile from ear to the tip of the nose has such a shallow concave curve that it appears virtually straight. This creates a distinctive angle, level with the upper edge of the eye. There must be no stop, break or nose bump, nor must there be straight profile from the top of the head to nose tip. A straight line is seen from tip of the nose to the tip of the Chin. These lines may be obscured by longer hair. **Neck:** LENGTH: Long, gracefully slender. May appear shorter because of dense fur.

## Body and Tail:

**Body:** SHAPE: Should appear well-proportioned and athletic, semi foreign in type. The overall body structure is long and graceful. The cat should appear neither rangy and leggy, nor cobby and short. Males are proportionately larger than females. Proportion and general balance is to be desired more than mere size. **BONING:** Medium. **Legs/Feet:** LENGTH: In proportion. Long. **BONING:** Medium. **FOOT SHAPE:** Well-rounded ovals with generous tufting between the toes. Appears to stand and walk on balls of feet. **SIZE:** Medium sized. **Tail:** LENGTH: Ideally, at least equal to the body length from rump to shoulder blades. **HAIR LENGTH:** Hair must be longer than on body. **Musculature:** Athletic, not bulky, and proportioned to carry the body length and weight. Both males and females should be well-muscled.

## Coat:

**Length:** Medium-long over the body with increasing length from the shoulder area to tail. **Ruff:** Males may display a neck ruff, but females to a lesser extent. Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable **Texture:** A soft two-layered coat, suitable for all weather, resistant to water. Outer coat is fine and silky, semi-long over the body, beginning at the shoulders, where the coat is slightly shorter. Pantaloons on hind legs and hair longer on tail. **Density:** Winter coat is denser, fuller, longer and softer. Summer coat is less dense and tends to drape over the body. Adult coat may take up to 2 years to fully develop. **Misc:** Allowance for seasonal changes in coat length and texture. Ghost tabby markings permitted in kittens. In kittens and young adults: yellow eyes changing to green (green halo should be around pupil by 8 months). Allow for size differences between males and females. Jowling of mature males.

**Color / Pattern:**

Coat color is blue, sound to the roots, with a soft lustrous sheen. Silver tipping is desirable, but not mandatory. Often, silver tipping is only evident over the head and shoulders. since it is frequently covered by the outer coat on the rest of the body. Lighter shades of blue desirable. Undercoat layer is very soft down, lighter blue in contrast to the guard hairs of the outer coat. May give appearance of being “shaded” when back brushed against the nap. Emphasis is to be on soundness of color, but not on individual hue. There should be no bias given to body color alone.

**Condition/Balance:** Condition and balance are very important to the Nebelung. Overall type is long, sturdy and well-muscled. Temperament must be unchallenging. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.

**PENALIZE:**

Rangy or cobby body. Underweight, poor condition. Weak chin. Any white spots or lockets.

**WITHHOLD:**

Any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify.