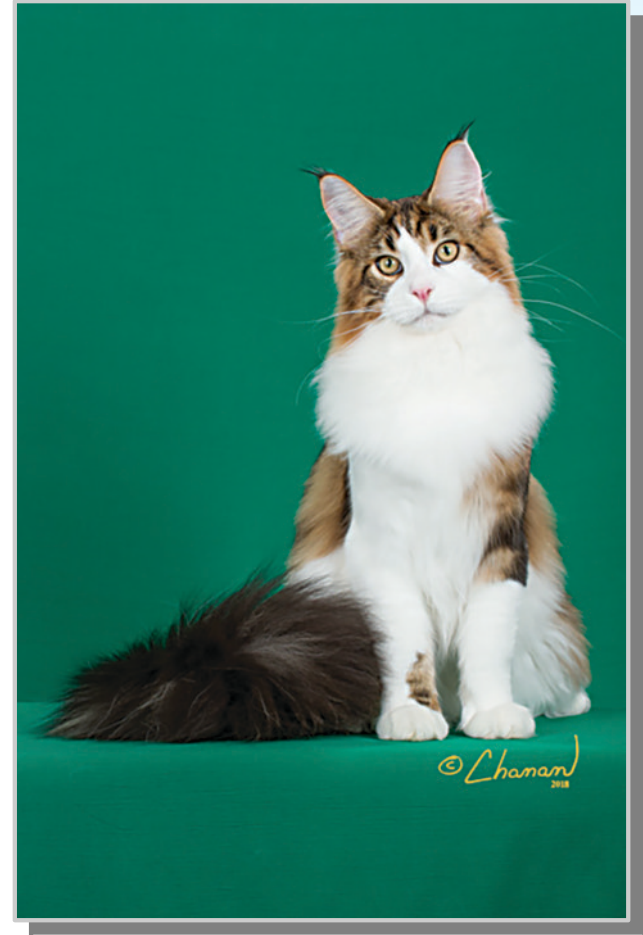


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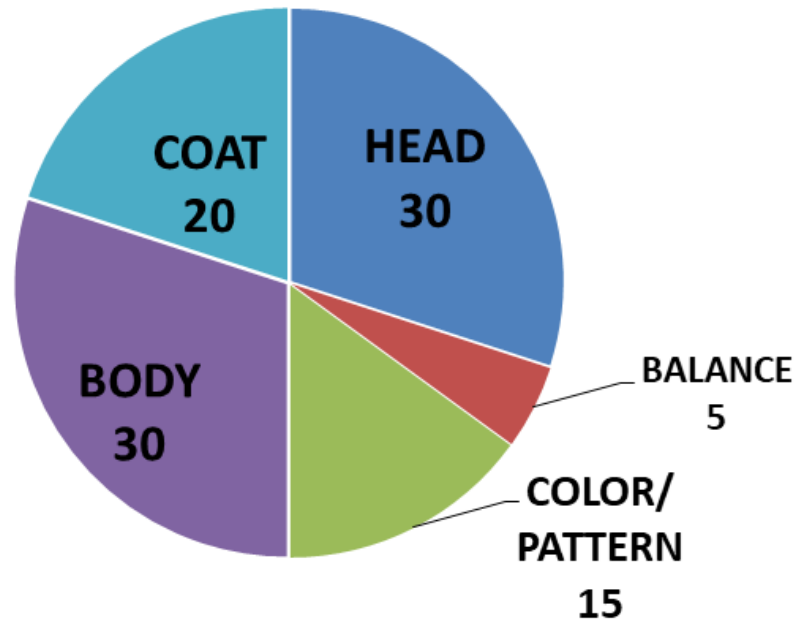


Essence of the Maine Coon Cat

- Solid, rugged, can endure harsh climates.
- Amiable disposition, adapts to varied environments.
- Known for its smooth, shaggy coat.



Point Breakdown



Head

- Head shape: slightly longer than wide
- Muzzle/Chin: visibly square, blunt ended, strong chin
- Profile: slight concavity, smooth, free of pronounced bumps/humps



Head

- Ear shape: large, well-tufted, wide at base, tapers to appear pointed.
- Ear set: ear width apart at base, not flared out.
- Neck: medium long



Eyes

- Large
- Expressive
- Wide set open oval shape
- Slight oblique set with slant toward outer base of ear



Body

- Body shape: broad chested, medium to large, rectangular appearance
- Legs/Feet: substantial wide set straight legs, medium length, large paws
- Tail: long, wide at base, tapering



Coat

- Heavy, silky and shaggy
- Long & flowing on tail
- Longer on stomach & britches
- Ruff desirable



Color & Patterns

- Coat color: variety of colors accepted
- Eye color: shades of green, gold, green-gold, copper. Odd-eyes in cats with white
- Classic, Mackerel & Ticked Tabby allowed



Penalize/Disqualify

Penalize

- Coat that is short or overall even
- All patterns with white not having required areas of white (bib, belly, four white paws)

Disqualify

- Delicate bone structure
- Undershot chin
- Kinked Tail (change of direction) or abnormal tail
- Crossed Eyes
- White buttons, lockets, spots
- Evidence of hybridization (chocolate, lavender, or Himalayan pattern)