

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

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ESSENCE OF The Norwegian Forest Cat



The Norwegian Forest Cat is a sturdy, slow-maturing cat with a distinguishing double coat, easily recognizable head & body shape.

- Domesticated in the 1930's in Norway.
- Admitted into CFA's Championship class in 1993.
- Thought to have sailed with the Vikings.
- Norse myths have Freya pulling her sleigh with Norwegian Forest Cats.

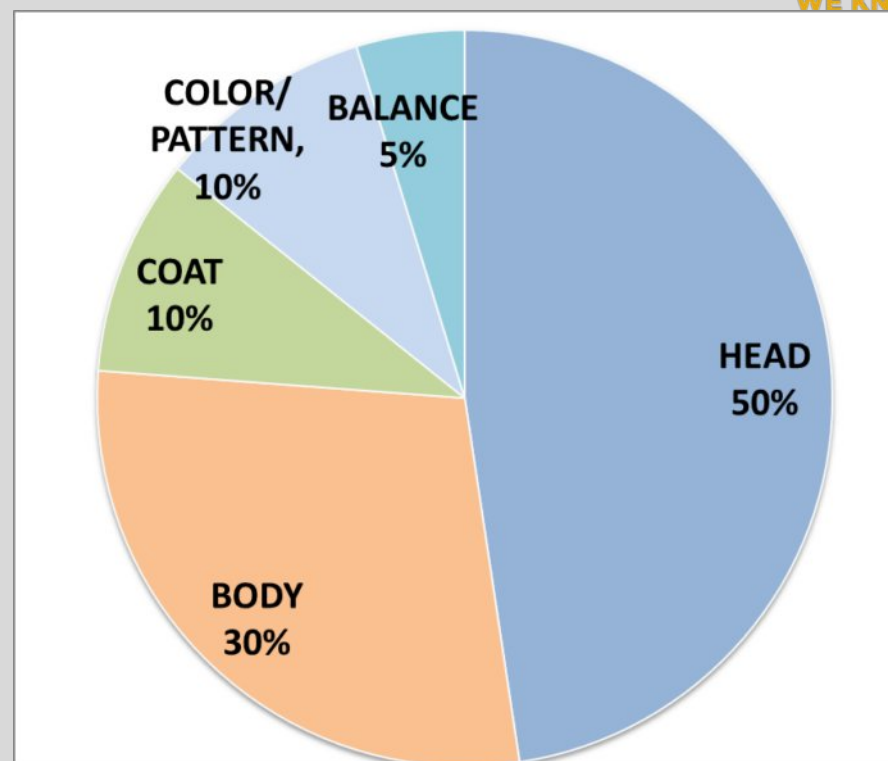


POINT BREAKDOWN



POINT SCORE

HEAD (50)	
Nose profile	10
Muzzle	10
Ears	10
Eye shape	5
Eye set	5
Neck	5
Chin	5
BODY (30)	
Torso	10
Legs/feet	10
Boning	5
Tail	5
COAT LENGTH/TEXTURE	10
COLOR/PATTERN	5
BALANCE	5



HEAD

HEAD SHAPE: Equilateral triangle

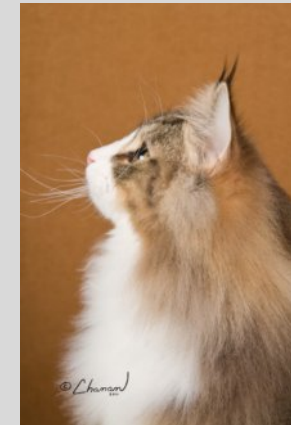
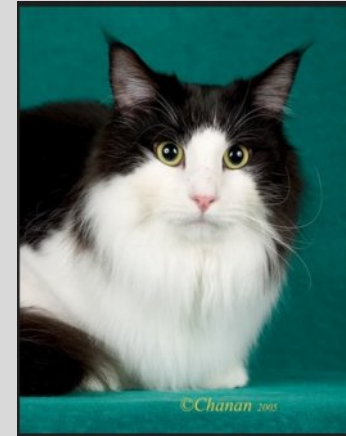
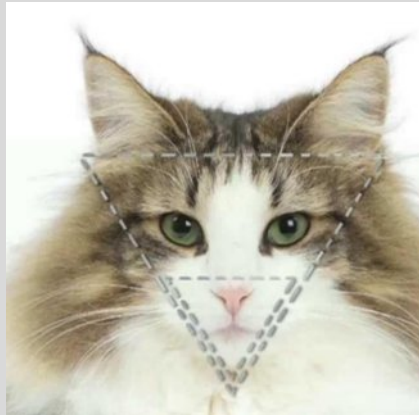
- Outside base of ear to point of chin
- Neck short/heavily muscled

NOSE PROFILE: Straight, without a break from brow ridge to tip of nose

- Flat forehead , gently curved skull & neck

EYES: Large, almond shaped

- Well-opened/expressive
- Slight angle, outer corner higher than inner
- Green, gold, green-gold or copper,
- White or w/white may have blue/odd



HEAD

- **Chin:** gently rounded, in line with nose
- **Muzzle:** part of straight line (base of ear to chin), without whisker pads/pinch
- **Ears:** medium to large, rounded tip, broad base set as much on side as on top of head
cup pointing a bit sideways
follow lines - side of head to chin
heavily furnished, lynx tips desirable



BODY

Body: Solidly muscled - well balanced - moderate length

- Substantial bone structure
- Broad chest - considerable girth - Depth to flank
- Males large/imposing - Females more refined or similar

Legs: Medium; hind higher than shoulders; high rump

- Heavily muscled thighs
- Straight back legs; front paws appear to “toe out”
- Paws – large, round w/ tufting

Tail: long, bushy, broad at base

- Guard hairs desirable



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COAT

- Distinguishing – double coat
- Dense undercoat
- Long, glossy guard hairs hanging down sides
- Bib - Short neck collar, side mutton chops & frontal ruff
- Britches full - hind legs
- Fuller in winter
- Softer coats (shaded, solid & bicolors)
- Type & quality of primary importance



PATTERN

- Every color and pattern; tabby patterns should be clear
- Exceptions – showing hybridization (chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, point-restricted or these with white)



COLORS

Two Color Classes:

- Brown Tabby, Brown Tabby & White
- All Other Norwegian Forest Cat Colors



DISQUALIFY



- Severe break in nose
- Square muzzle
- Whisker pinch
- Long rectangular or cobby body
- Incorrect number of toes
- Crossed eyes
- Kinked or abnormal tail
- Delicate bone structure
- Malocclusion – under/overshot chin
- Evidence of hybridization (chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, or point restricted – (Himalayan-type markings) or these with white