



PERSIAN

Solid Color Division



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EXOTIC



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General – Exotic

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Head:

- Round and massive.
- Great breadth of skull.
- Round face.
- Round underlying bone structure.
- Set on a short thick neck.



Nose:

- Short, snub and broad.
- Break centered between the eyes.



Cheeks:

- Full.



Jaws:

- Broad and powerful.



Chin:

- Full, well developed, and firmly rounded.
- Reflecting a proper bite.



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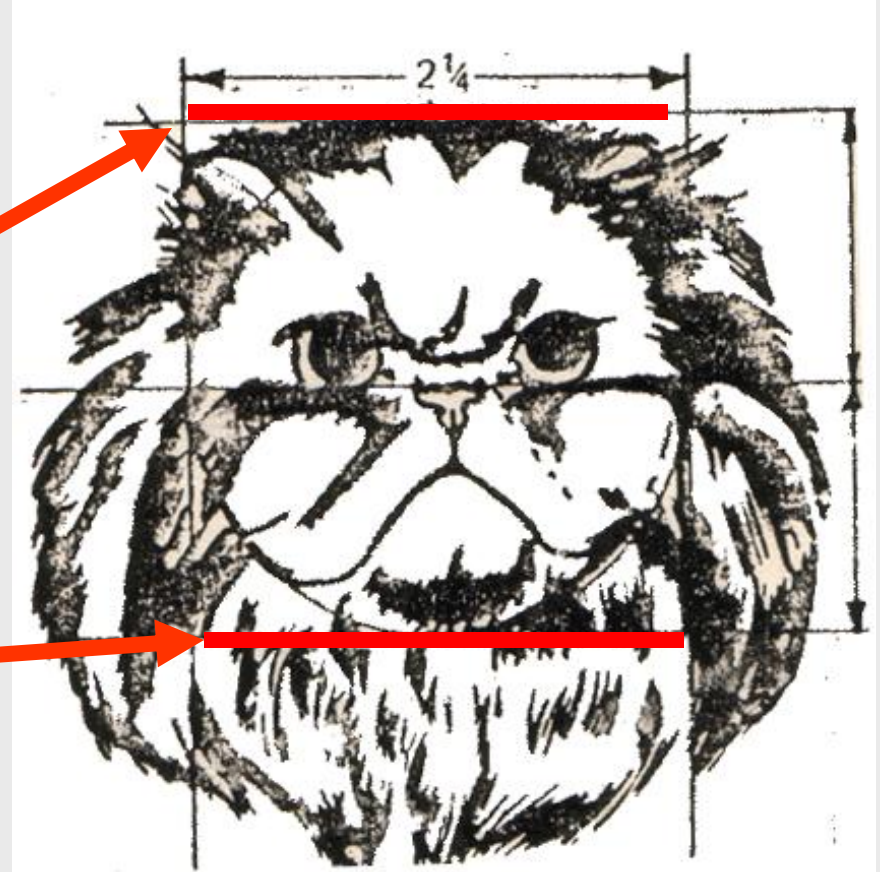
- Small, round tipped, tilted forward.
- Not unduly open at the base.
- Set far apart, and low on the head.
- Fitting into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head.

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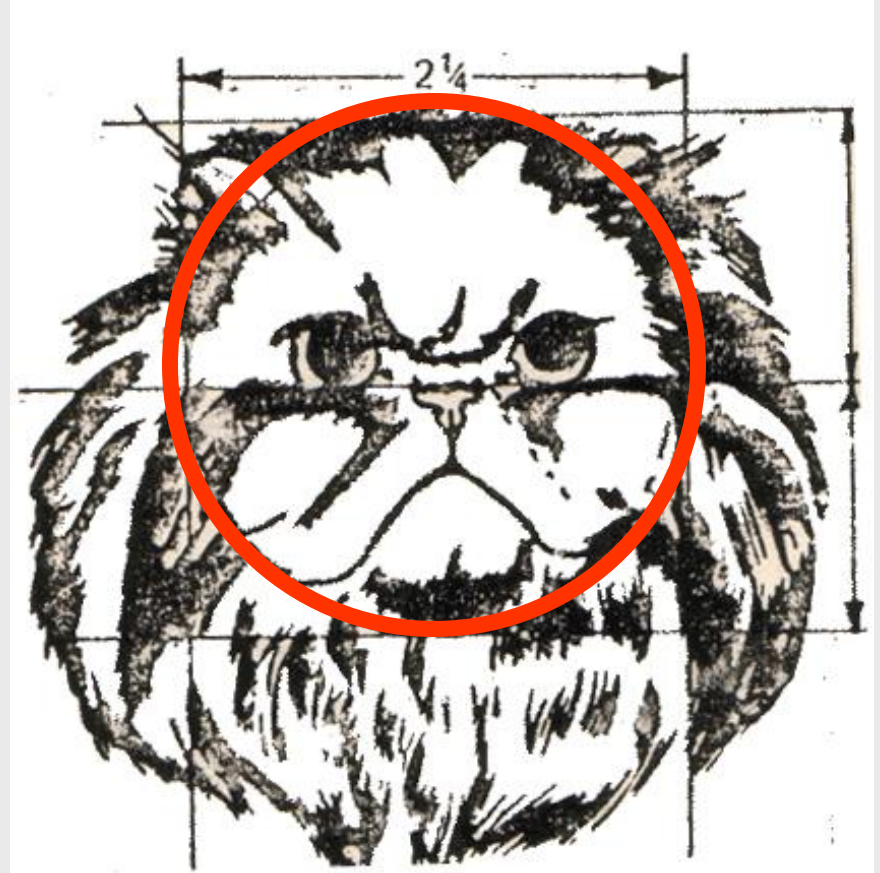


When the Persian/Exotic head is perfectly in balance, the head is completely round and equal. The “break” is centered between the eyes. There should be as much space from the break to the top of the head as there is from the break to the bottom of the chin.

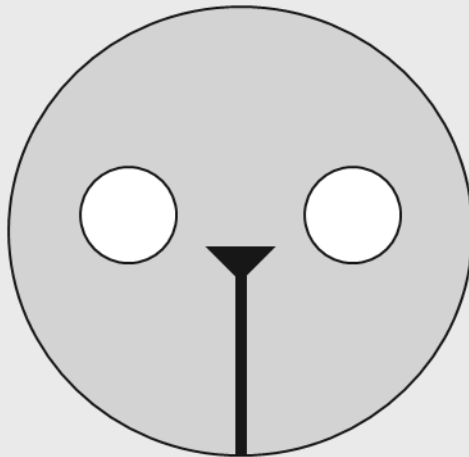
Top head is as broad as the mouth is wide, showing same distance at the top as at the bottom. The line of mouth extends as far as the corner of the ears.



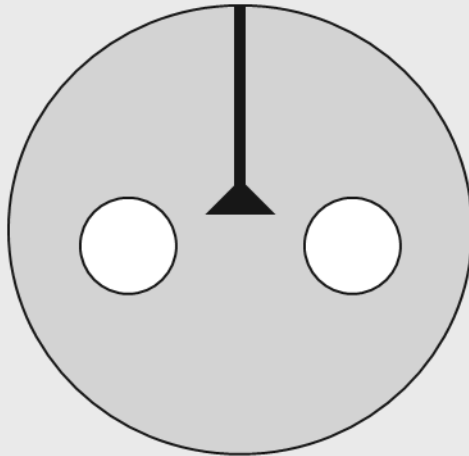
Head is perfectly round.



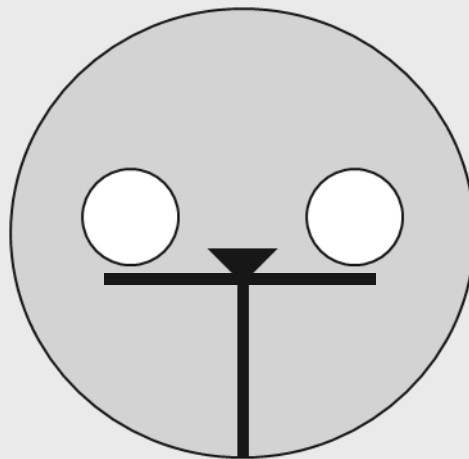
To see if a Persian's or Exotic's face is straight, look at them directly in the face: Visualize an imaginary line from the bottom of the chin to the bottom of the nose leather.



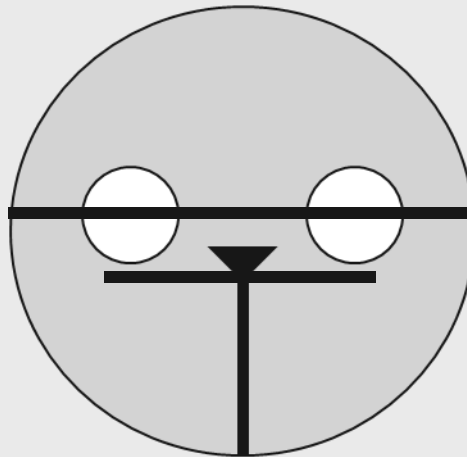
Many breeders believe the best way to tell if a Persian is crooked is too look down on the face from the top/back of the head.



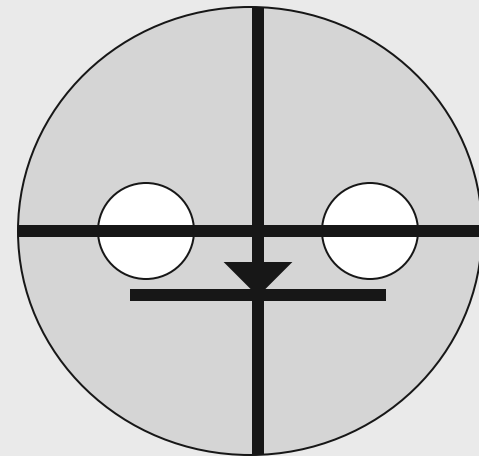
Next, visualize a perpendicular line intersecting the previous line at the bottom of the nose leather. Ideally, this line should rest on the bottom of the eyelids.



Now, a straight line centered across the eye apertures and through the “break” should form the center of balance between the top of the head and the bottom of the chin.

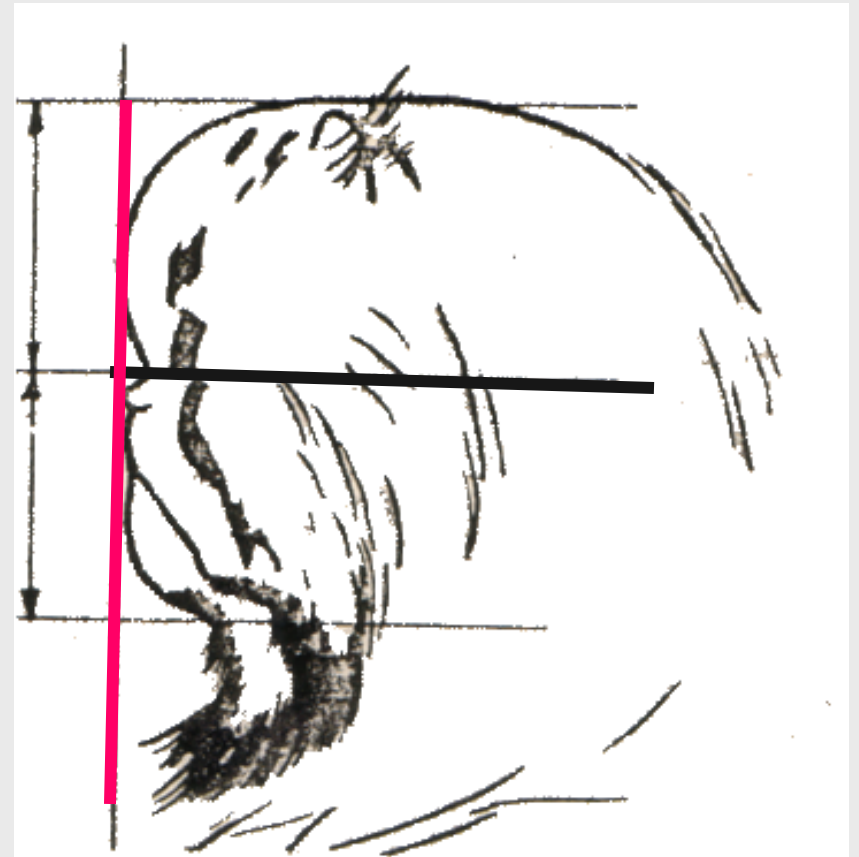


Finally, the ideal Persian head is seen as being perfectly quartered.





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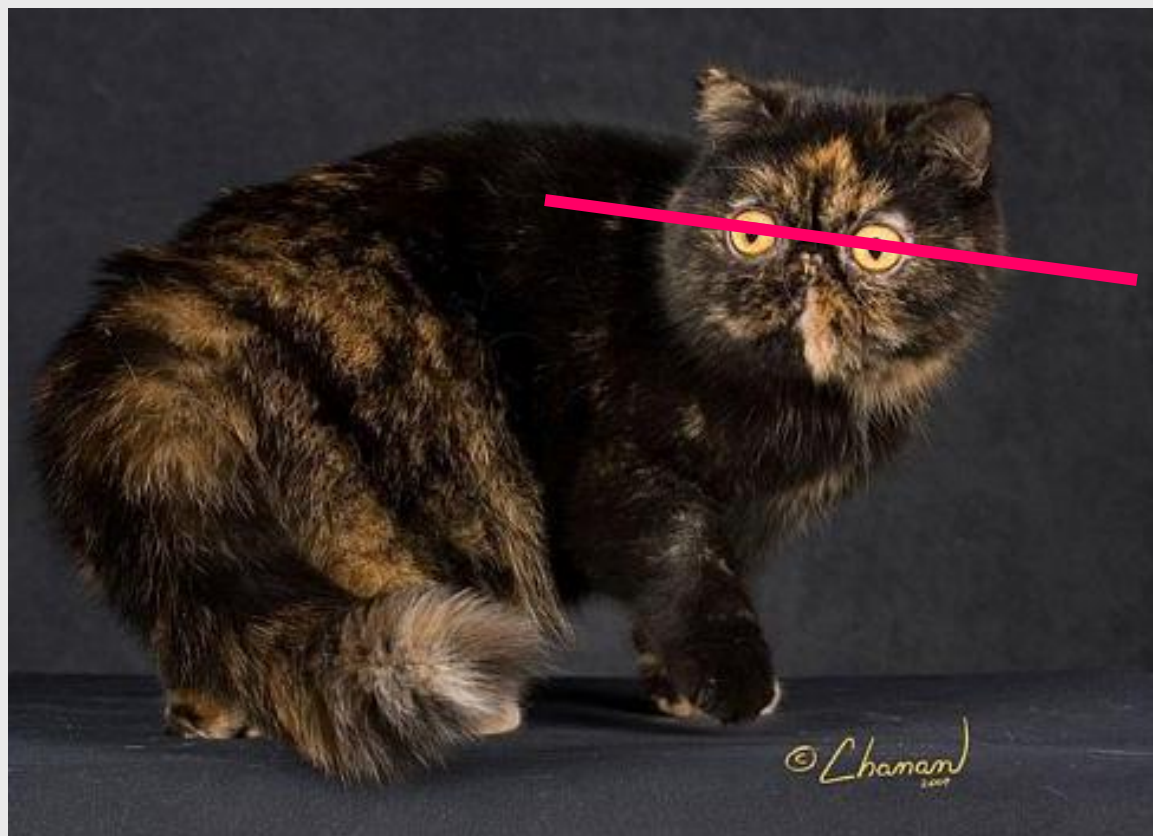
In profile. from the top of the nose to the top of head is the same distance as from the top of the nose to the chin bottom. Forehead, nose and chin are in straight line.

Eyes:

- Brilliant in color.
- Large, round and full.
- Set level and far apart.
- Gives a sweet expression to the face.

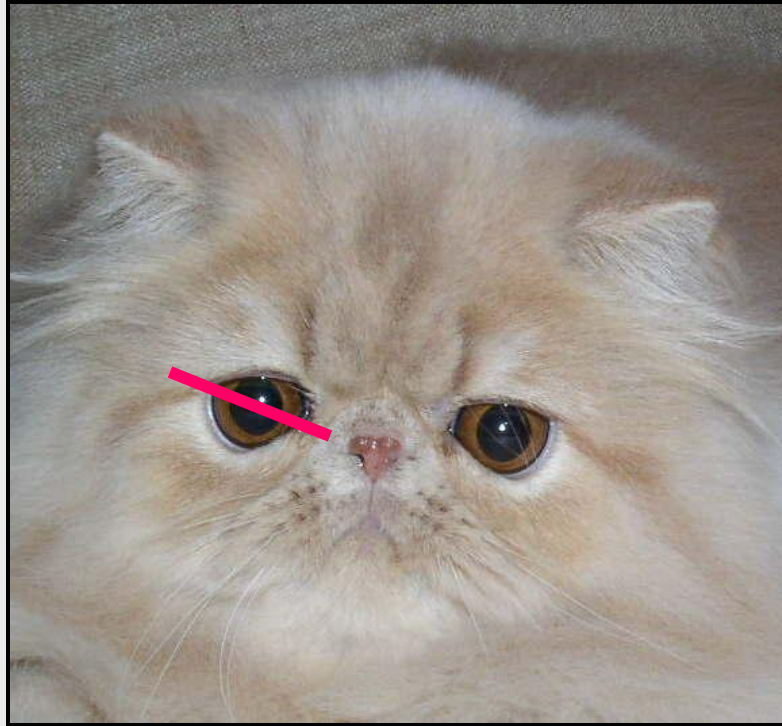


Correct eye aperture - completely round.
No corners.





Exceptional eye shape and eye color.

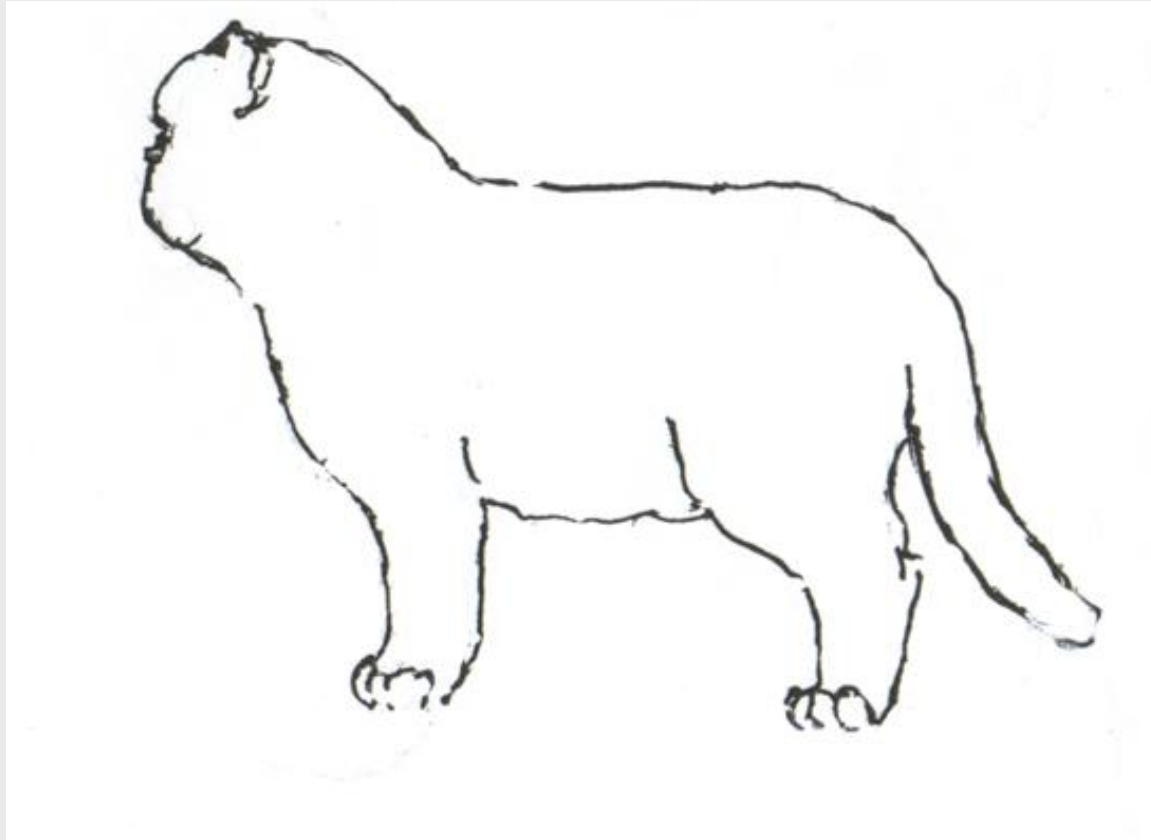


- Eyes set on a bias.
- Dew Drop eye shape.

Body:

- Cobby type, low on the legs.
- Broad & deep through the chest.
- Equally massive across the shoulders & rump.
- Well rounded midsection and level back.
- Good muscle tone.
- No evidence of obesity.
- Large or medium in size.
- Quality the determining consideration rather than size.

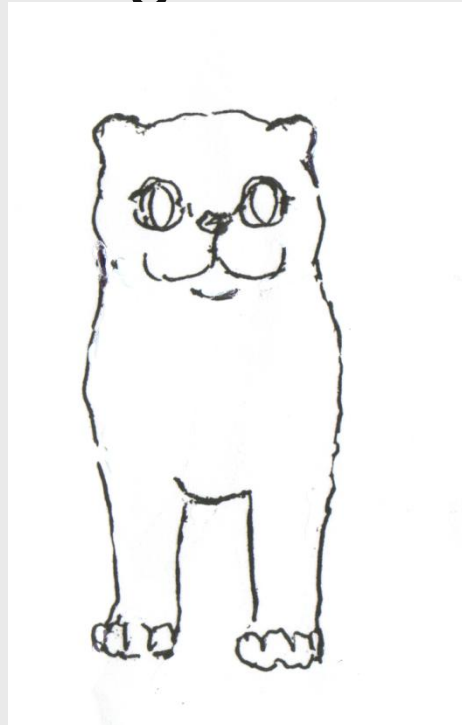
Body:



Well rounded midsection and level back

Legs:

- Short, thick and strong.
- Forelegs straight.
- Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind.



Paws:

- Large round and firm.
- Toes carried close.
- Five in front, and four behind.

Tail:

- Short , but in proportion to body length.
- *Carried without a curve and at an angle lower than the back.*

NOTE: The Persian and the Exotic are the only two breeds that describe how the tail should be carried. Also, please note that a tail can be too short.

***Tails carried over
the back are
referred to as
“Squirrel Tails.”***

***This is a structural
fault, not only in
Persians and
Exotics but in all
breeds.***



Coat:

Persian

- Long & thick.
- Standing off from the body.
- Of fine texture, glossy.
- Full of life.
- Long all over the body, including shoulders

Exotic

- Dense, plush.
- Soft and full of life.
- Standing out from the body due to a rich thick undercoat.
- Medium in length.

Coat:

Persian

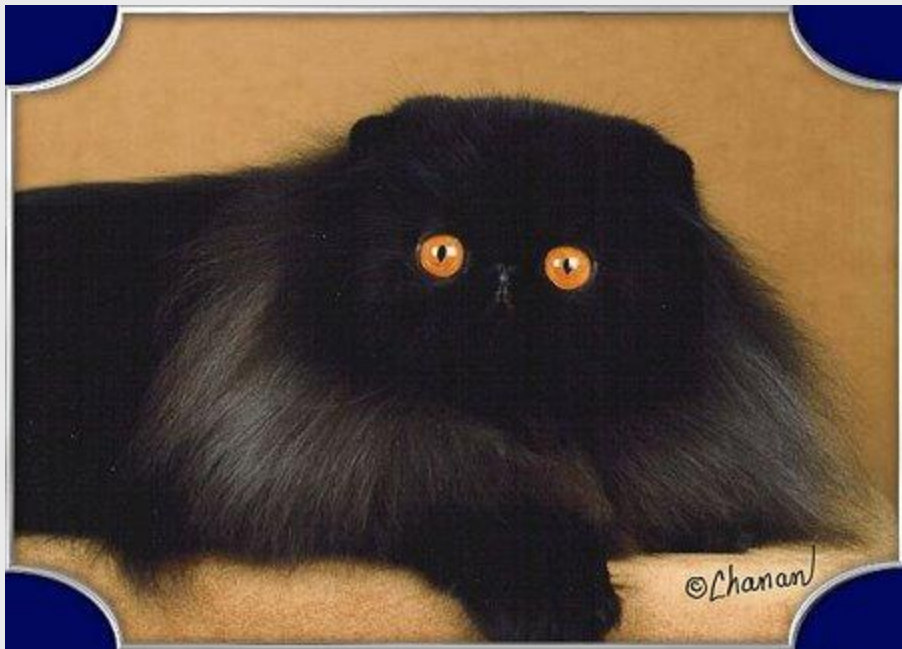
- Ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs.
- Ear & toe tufts long.
- Brush very full.

Exotic

- Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat.

Disqualify:

- Locket or button.
- Kinked or abnormal tail.
- Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters.
- Any apparent deformity of the spine.
- Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head.
- Crossed eyes.
- White toes and eye color other than blue in pointed pattern.
- Check under colors for other DQ's.



The End