

## PERSIAN BREED GROUP (PS/HI/ES)

The breed group compromises the Persian (PS), Himalayan (HI) and the Exotic shorthair (ES). All have the same head and body type; the characteristics distinguishing the breeds are the coat and coloration. The PS and HI have a long flowing coat, while the ES has a distinct short, plush and stand away coat texture. The PS origin is steeped in the mists of time, the HI is a man-made breed seeking to produce the pointed version of the PS and the ES was developed to be more resembling of a teddy bear with the facial features of the PS/HI but with a shorter, denser and more plush coat, longer than that of other shorthair breeds but still short enough not to flow. (PS/ES) All traditional and (HI) pointed colors are accepted. The only allowable genotypes at locus C are CC, Ccs and cscs.

<b>HEAD</b> .....	40 points
Shape.....	6
Ears.....	5
Eyes.....	7
Chin/Jaw and Bite.....	10
Nose.....	7
Profile.....	5

<b>BODY</b> .....	35 points
Torso.....	10
Feet and Legs.....	10
Tail.....	5
Boning/Musculature.....	10

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ..	25 points
Length/Texture.....	15
Color/Pattern .....	10

### CATEGORIES:

- PS: Traditional.
- HI: Pointed.
- ES: Traditional and Pointed.

### DIVISIONS: All.

### COLOR: All.

### PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

### HEAD:

**Shape:** Round, broad, smooth, domed, with great breadth. Should be medium to large in symmetrical and balanced. Jaws should be broad and powerful with correct tooth alignment. Cheeks should be wide and prominent. Overall sweet expression.

**Ears:** Small and round tipped, not unduly open base. Set wide apart, fitting into contour of head.

**Eyes:** Large, round, and full. Set level and far apart giving a sweet

expression to the face, eye color has equal importance to size and shape.

**PS/ES:** Deep brilliant eye color preferred forms to coat color. Copper eyes are preferred in all colors except for silver and golden where green eyes are preferred. Blue or odd eyes only in whites or with white colors/patterns.

**HI and pointed ES:** Medium blue eye color is acceptable.

**Chin:** Strong, full, well-developed, fitting into the face.

**Nose:** Almost as broad as long with fully formed nose leather and open nostrils. Muzzle should be short, broad and full.

**Profile:** Short, snub-nose, definite break directly between eyes. Break to be above the bottom edge of the eyes and no higher than the center of the eyes. Forehead, nose and chin appear to be in line or very slightly rounded in keeping with the roundness of the head as a whole.

**Neck:** Short, thick, and well-muscled.

### BODY:

**Torso:** Cobby, firm, well-rounded mid section, in proportion. Medium to large in size. Back short and level. The chest is to be deep; equally massive across the shoulders and rump with a short, well-rounded abdomen and ribs.

**Legs:** Large bones, well-developed and with firm musculature. In front view, the forelegs should be short and straight from breadth of chest adding to sturdy appearance, not to have a bulldog appearance. When viewed from the rear, the legs should be straight.

**Feet:** Round and large. (PS/HI) feet should be tufted.

**Tail:** Short and straight. In proportion to body length.

**Boning:** Heavy, sturdy and in proportion.

**Musculature:** Firm and well-developed, not overly fat.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

#### Length:

**(PS/HI)** Long all over the body. Full of life. Dense undercoat giving the coat full volume. Ruff should be immense.

**(ES)** Short, but slightly longer than other shorthairs. Soft, dense, plush; standing away from the body. The coat of the homozygous ES is shorter and therefore will not stand away from the body as much, they look more sculpted in appearance and the tail is less fully furnished.

#### Color:

**(PS/ES)** As described in TICA Color Descriptions.

**(HI and pointed ES)** Clear body color preferred with subtle shading allowed. There must be a definite contrast between the body and point color. The points, comprising of the ears, legs, feet, tail, and mask, must show the basic color of the cat.

### OTHER:

**Condition/Balance:** Should reflect excellent health and robust power with good muscle tone, well-muscled, but not fat. All parts of the body should be in proportion to each other.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The ideal

PS/HI/ES is a strong cat with excellent boning and musculature, a well-balanced cat, giving the impression of robust power. The face should be round with a sweet, pleasant expression and large, round expressive eyes. The cat should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally, gentle and amenable to handling.

**LOCKETS:** Withhold for lockets and buttons.

**ALLOWANCES:** Consideration should be given to the fact that females will generally be smaller than males of the same age, but should be in proportion and balance for their size.

**Eyes:** Eye color in kittens appears muddy in orange eyed cats. Blue (HI and pointed ES), and green, in silvers, eye color develops from the center of the eye; should be fully developed by adulthood.

**Coat:** Allowances for seasonal variation in the coat length and fullness; a shorter but well-presented PS/HI coat in summer is totally acceptable.

(HI and pointed ES) Allowance for

slightly shaded areas on coats of mature cats.

### PENALIZE:

**Head:** Long or narrow head; lumps, bumps and depressions in the skull should be penalized according to severity; long Roman nose; thin muzzle; mild overshot or undershot jaw; bite deformity, such as misaligned canines and missing canine teeth in whole adult cats. Extreme depression of the nose stop. Small nostrils. Asymmetry (i.e., crooked or off-center nose, mouth, etc.) should be penalized according to severity. Ears that are large, pointed, slanting out from the head or set too close together. Small or close set eyes. A green rim next to pupil in both kittens and adults. (PS/ES) Pale, weak eye color, (HI and pointed ES) Pale or grey eye color. Flecks of other colors in iris.

**Body:** A narrow chest, or long back. Poor muscle tone. Slab flanks.

**Coat:** Poor coat condition. (HI and pointed ES) Penalize a very heavily shaded coat on the body, seasonal shading can be detected by checking the colour at the roots, but a coat that is fully coloured to the roots must be penalized. Remember it will be more evident in the darker pointed colors.

### WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Audible or heavy breathing. Pinched or very narrow nostrils. Very small or incorrectly formed nose leather. Overall lack of merit. Poor overall condition. Eye color other than blue in HI and pointed ES.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** As per Show Rule 216.12.10 inability to breathe normally with a closed mouth MUST be disqualified. Kinked tail. Malocclusion or extremely asymmetric face structure; crossed, slanted or improperly focusing eyes. Severe overshot or undershot jaw.



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.*