

# STANDARD OF POINTS NEBELUNG (NEB)

## GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Nebelung is an elegant cat of foreign type with a semi- longhair coat of soft, silky texture in an attractive, medium blue with a silvery sheen. Shy in temperament, Nebelung need quiet, gentle handling. It is better to stand them on the table to assess their type and coat.

**HEAD** – A modified wedge with width at eye level. The wedge is medium with a flat plane between the ears. The cheekbones are high and broad. The forehead appears flat with a convex angle at the brow. In profile the forehead should appear straight to the level of the upper edge of the eye. This creates the distinctive angle that should be level with the upper edge of the eye. The profile from here to the tip of the nose has such a shallow concave curve that it appears virtually straight. There must be no stop, break or nose bump, nor should the nose be completely straight from the point of the angle to the nose tip. The tip of chin should line up with the tip of the nose on the same vertical plane. The chin should be strong and deep with a level bite. The back of the head should not fall away. The whisker pads are prominent. The neck should be long and slender; it may seem heavier than it actually is because of the density of the small ruff.

**EARS** – The ears are as wide at the base as they are tall. They are set an ear width apart, the outer line of the ears extends upwards to an angle slightly wide of parallel. They are fairly tall and appear pointed. The outside is covered with short, fine hair and the inside sparsely furnished.

**EYES** – The eyes are rather large, almond shaped and set wide apart. The eye colour in adults should be green, as vivid as possible. Eye colour can be yellow in kittens. A Nebelung should have a soft, gentle expression.

**BODY** – The body should be long and elegant with foreign type. It should be of medium to large build (an overall weight range for an adult male 4.5–6kg and for an adult female 3.5–5kg). It should feel firm, lithe and muscular but not appear coarse.

**LEGS AND PAWS** – The legs should be long, slender and elegant but not fine boned, with neat, rounded paws and generous tufting between the toes and the pads.

**TAIL** – The tail is rather thick at the base, tapering and well-furnished to form a brush. It should be long enough to reach the shoulder blades. Tail rings can take some time to disappear.

**COAT** – The coat is semi-long, with a fine undercoat covered with thicker guard hairs; it is dense but soft and silky to the touch. Males may have a more developed ruff than females. Breeches are desirable as are ear tufts. Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable. The toes should be tufted. The length of coat and density of undercoat can vary with the seasons and a shorter, less dense coat should not be penalised in the summer. Adult coats may take up to two years to fully develop.

**COLOUR** – An even, clear, medium blue although there could be ghost tabby markings in kittens. The guard hairs should be tipped with silver giving the overall appearance of light silver dusting (guard hairs may be shielding the silver dusting but it should be present on closer inspection). The nose leather and paw pads should be blue (pinkish lavender acceptable in kittens). Ghost tabby markings may be apparent in kittens.

**CONDITION AND TEMPERAMENT** – The condition and temperament of the Nebelung is an important consideration.

### SCALE OF POINTS

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| Head shape and ears     | 20 points |
| Eye shape and colour    | 10 points |
| Body                    | 20 points |
| Legs and Paws           | 5 points  |
| Tail                    | 5 points  |
| Coat Texture and Length | 20 points |
| Coat Colour             | 20 points |

### Withhold all Awards for:

1. Extreme, aggressive temperament
2. White spots or lockets

### Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Breed Classes for:

1. Incorrect eye colour in adults
2. Oriental type
3. British or cobby type
4. Flat coat lacking density, particularly in winter.
5. Lack of overall silver dusting in adults.
6. Any defect as listed in the preface to this SOP Booklet