

# HAVANA

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Shape/Size	(20)
Ears	( 5)
Eyes	(10)
<b>BODY/TAIL</b>	<b>30 Points</b>
Shape/Size/Neck	(15)
Legs/Feet	(10)
Tail	( 5)
<b>COAT</b>	<b>9 Points</b>
<b>COLOR</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>6 Points</b>

General: The Havana Brown is a firm, muscular cat of medium length and stands with a level back. The head is longer than it is wide, narrowing to a rounded muzzle. The coat of the Havana is a rich even shade of reddish brown with the appearance of warmth and a pronounced glossy sheen. The Havana is well balanced, symmetrical and of pleasing lines.

## Head:

**Shape/Size:** Viewed from above; longer than it is wide; narrows to a rounded muzzle with a break, or indentation, on both sides behind the whisker pads. The somewhat narrow muzzle and whisker break are distinctive characteristics of the breed and will be evident in a typical specimen. Allow for stud jowls in males. Viewed in profile, there is a distinct stop at the eyes, the end of the muzzle appears almost square, illusion is heightened by a well developed chin, the profile outline is more square than round. Allow for sparse hair on chin. **Ears:** Large and round-tipped, with very little hair inside or out; wide set but not flaring; pricked slightly forward, lending the cat an aspect of alertness. **Eyes:** Aperture is neither round nor oriental, but oval shaped. **Color:** any vivid and level shade of green, more intense green color is preferred. Allow for changing eye color in kittens.

## Body/Tail:

**Body:** Firm and muscular, and of medium length. Front and hind leg proportions present a level back. The neck is medium in length and in proportion to the body. Thicker, shorter neck allowable in males. **Legs/Feet:** The typey specimen stands relatively high on its legs for a cat of medium proportions in trunk and tail; however, this characteristic must not be exaggerated to a freakish dimension. Front legs are straight. Legs of females are slim and dainty. Males may be significantly larger than the females, although still retaining proportion. As is to be expected, slenderness and length of leg will be less evident in the more powerfully muscled, matured males. Paws are oval and compact. Five toes in front, four in back. **Tail:** Neither long nor short, but medium in length, and in proportion to the body. The tail is slender, neither whip-like nor blunt. Not too broad at base, gently tapering to the end.

## Coat:

Neither open nor extremely close lying. The coat is short and smooth with a pronounced sheen.

## Accepted Colors:

**Brown:** A rich and even shade of warm brown throughout; color tends toward red-brown rather than black-brown or sable; coat must not be so dark as to eclipse the warmth and richness of color which distinguishes the breed. Whiskers are distinctly brown. Nose leather is brown with a rosy flush.

**Lavender:** A rich warm pinkish-blue lavender shade with a distinctly frosty glow at the tips. Lavender color coat may be slightly more full than the brown color coat. Whiskers match the Lavender coat color. Nose leather is lavender with a rosy flush.

**Both Colors:** The foot pads must have a rosy tone. Allow for ghost tabby markings in kittens and young adults to the age of 24 months.

## Condition:

A well conditioned specimen is clear eyed and firm of body, without being fat or thin. The coat should have a pronounced glossy sheen.

## Balance:

Disposition – The cat should be gentle and amenable to handling. Appearance – Each separate physical part should be in perfect proportion to the whole cat, resulting in a well balanced animal of symmetrical and pleasing lines.

<b><u>OBJECTIONS:</u></b>	<b>Head:</b>	Muzzle too broad when viewed from above. Complete absence of whisker break. Weak chin. Stop partially absent. Ears too small, not properly set, excessive hair, pointed, flaring out to sides. Eyes: aperture round or oriental.
	<b>Body:</b>	Eyes pale in color or tending decidedly to yellow, gold, or copper. Cobby, rangy or tubular. Neck short and thick or long and slender. Legs too long or too short. Splayed feet. Tail too short or too long. Tail too blunt or whip-like at end.
	<b>Coat:</b>	Coarse or open coat.
	<b>Color:</b>	Sable brown [melanistic]. Tabby markings in adults over 24 months. White hairs. Whiskers any color other than brown.
	<b>Condition:</b>	Dull lusterless coat. Too fat or undernourished.

**Although the objectionable traits listed above do not include all possible departures from the Standard for which an exhibit may be penalized, they are listed here as the more common faults which are to be avoided. The total number of points deducted for a fault shall not be greater than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.**

<b><u>WITHHOLD:</u></b>	No stop in profile, no whisker break, wedge shaped head with straight profile, flat head. <u>Visible</u> misplacement or abnormality of any joint in tail (kink); woolly coat; all totally white whiskers and/or no whiskers.
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