

KHAO MANEE

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Muzzle and chin	5	
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BODY	40	Points
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Tail	5	
Boning	10	
Musculature	5	
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	20	Points
Texture and length	12	
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General: The ideal cat of this breed is a medium sized cat of semi-foreign type, descended from and resembling the native Khao Manees of Thailand. It is a shorthaired, completely white cat with odd-colored eyes, or same-colored eyes. Indeed, the original eyed color of the breed may have been limited to blue. Khao Manees are derived from the native race of cats still seen in Thailand and other countries in SE Asia today. Like other native cats of SE Asia, they should have characteristics suitable for the hot, wet, tropical climate, including a lithe, but not extreme, body, medium length nose (handles hot air better than short noses), a very short smooth coat, and muscular and athletic but never bulky body. Preserving the resemblance to native Khao Manees includes, for example, preserving the natural sexual dimorphism. (Males should typically be 8 to 11 pounds and may have slightly heavier boning than females. Females should be typically 6 to 8 pounds.) It implies that characteristics more typical of Western breeds, such as very round heads are to be avoided.

Head:

Shape: Modified wedge, medium width, moderate length. From full front, face appears elliptical, with focus points just below outer corners of eyes. Fairly prominent cheek bones also lie along an inner ellipse with same focus points. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of equilateral triangle. Inner eye corners lie along line from nose tip to ear tip.

Forehead: Long; very slightly convex.

Nose: Nearly straight, but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below eyes. Nose may have a slightly convex profile.

Eyes: Slightly to moderately large. But not oversized or protruding. Plump oval in shape. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Lines drawn from corner to corner of each eye slant toward 10 and 2 o'clock

Any eye colors accepted. Typically: odd-colored, one blue and one green or yellow, two blue, two green, or two yellow eyes. One or both eyes may be pigmented with both blue and another color. Brilliance of eye colors and eye color contrast preferred.

Ears: Slightly large, wide at the base, oval tips. They should be somewhat longer than width at base. Ears should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated from each other, a bit less than an ear base width apart. Allow for light furnishings.

Muzzle: Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, forming boundary of hemispheric, rounded muzzle.

Chin: Moderate, proportional to the nose.

Neck: Medium in length and width.

Body:

Torso: Medium. Underbelly is mostly firm, level and parallel to the ground, but some loose skin on the underbelly is permissible.

Legs: Medium to slightly long.

Feet: Oval in shape, medium in size in proportion to cat.

Tail: Medium. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Tail tip kinks accepted.

Boning: Medium to slightly refined (females) or medium to slightly robust (males).

Musculature: Very firm, but cat should look agile and feel flexible and springy, not meaty or heavy. Males should have more muscle than females, but should not be cobby or thick-necked.

Coat:

Texture: Resilient and slightly open, smooth enough to reveal musculature, with a moderate under coat in most circumstances, very natural, not overly groomed, not coarse nor very fluffy, naturally varies with environmental temperature.

Length: Medium length short coat, naturally varies with environmental temperature.

Color:

Very even, snowy white.

Condition:

Perfect physical condition, muscular, alert appearance.

ALLOWANCE:

Stud jowls in males. Males also have significantly heavier chest and shoulder musculature. Colored spots limited to the head in kittens and young adults only. Tail faults that do not significantly shorten the length of the tail or significantly distract from the overall appearance.

PENALIZE:

Males resembling female cats in size, boning, or musculature. Females so large, heavy in boning or musculature that they resemble males. Round eyes. Oriental eyes. Short or blunt muzzle. Very long or pointy muzzle. Narrow upper head or narrow space between ears. Small ears, very large ears, or ears set low or high (significantly above or below 11 and 1 o'clock). Very straight profile. Tail fault that noticeably shortens the length of the tail.

WITHHOLD WINS:

Roman profile. Pronounced stop. Pronounced convex forehead. Fluffy or stand-out coat. Cobby body. Obesity. Colored markings or clumps of colored hairs on cats over 18 months of age. Paw pads and nose leather other than pink. Crossed eyes. Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum (xiphoid process).

DIAGRAMS:

male

profile

female

