

KORAT

HEAD	40 Points
Shape - Breadth	(5)
- Profile	(5)
Ear Set/Placement	(5)
Eyes - Placement	(10)
- Shape	(5)
- Color	(5)
- Breadth	(5)
BODY/TAIL	25 Points
Shape/Size	(15)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COAT	10 Points
Length	(4)
Texture	(4)
Close-lying	(2)
COLOR	20 Points
CONDITION	5 Points

General: The Korat is an import from Thailand. It was first found in Korat, the capital city of the northeastern province, and so has been identified by this name. Illustrated Thai temple manuscripts dating back as far as 1350 AD show that the Korat has changed very little. The Korat is a rare cat even in its country of origin and, because of its unusually fine disposition, is greatly loved by the Thai people who regard it as a “good luck” cat. Its general appearance is of a medium sized cat, silver blue all over, with a heavy silver sheen, muscular with smooth curved lines and huge, prominent, luminous green or amber-green eyes, alert and expressive. The Korat can be very vocal. This should not be assumed to be a sign of aggression. The Korat is silver blue from birth to death. It can exist in no other color. If any other color should occur it would automatically cease to be a Korat.

Head:

Shape: When viewed from the front, head is heartshaped with breadth between and across the eyes, gently curving to a well developed but neither sharply pointed nor overly squared muzzle. Forehead is large and flat. Strong chin and jaw. In profile there is a slight stop between forehead and nose. Nose is short and has slight downward curve. **Ears:** Large, with a rounded tip and a large flare at base, set high on head, giving an alert expression. Inside ears sparsely furnished. **Eyes:** Large and luminous, are particularly prominent, wide open and oversized for the face. Eye aperture, which shows as well rounded when fully open, has an Asian slant when closed or partially closed. Eye color is luminous green preferred, amber cast acceptable. Kittens and adolescents have yellow or amber-green eyes. Color is not usually true until the cat reaches maturity, which can take 2 to 4 years.

Body and Tail:

Body: Medium in size with a strong muscular and semi-cobby body on medium bone structure with feel of coiled spring power and unexpected weight, front legs slightly shorter than back legs. The back is carried in a curve. **Legs/Feet:** Well proportioned to body, feet oval. **Tail:** Medium in length, heavier at the base tapering to a rounded tip. No penalty for invisible tail fault.

Coat:

Single, short to medium in length, glossy and fine, lying close to the body. The coat over the spine is inclined to break as the cat moves.

Color:

Silver Blue overall, tipped with silver; the more silver the better, without shading or tabby markings allowing shading and tabby markings in kittens and adolescent adults (up to 4 years). Where the coat is short, the sheen of the silver is intensified. Paw pads dark blue ranging to lavender with pinkish tinge. Nose and lip leather is dark blue or lavender.

Condition:

Perfect physical condition, muscular, alert appearance.

NOTE: Any Korat to be exhibited in ACFA must be registered in ACFA prior to entry in a show.