

## CHARACTERISTICS and REQUIREMENTS RAGDOLL CATS

The most important characteristic of "Ragdoll Cats" is their disposition. They are just like their name implies, a ragdoll. You can pick them up and they will go limp in your arms. They will *not* fight. Be it dog, cat, or human. They have no fear of anything. They do not seem to feel pain as other animals do. Above all, they are affectionate, alert, and love to play.

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Ears .....	10
Eye Color & Shape .....	10
Body .....	10
Legs & Feet .....	10
Tail .....	10
Color .....	10
Coat .....	10
Condition .....	10

**HEAD:** Broad between eyes, and ears, tapering down to a round chin with a Burmese profile. A male's head is approximately ½" wider on each side than that of a female. Forehead slopes gradually. There is also a flat spot on top of the head.

**Nose:** Medium in length, nostrils low on nose.

**Jaws:** Heavy

**Chin:** The bottom part of their lip must be white to light brown, running to the ruff in their neck. The chin is full and well developed.

**Cheeks:** Full

**Ears:** Medium in Length with a slight tilt forward.

**Eyes:** Blue. The more blue the better. The eyelid has a slight upward tilt at the ends.

**TYPE:**

**Body:** The underside should be mostly white. They are extremely heavy in the stomach and hind sections. The male is huskier than the female. She is daintier and smaller than the male. Males at 2 to 3 years should be 34" long, nose to tail tip and/or leg span. Normal stand height 12" back and 15" head height. Females run 1" less in height and length.

**Legs:** Medium-long and heavy. The back legs are longer than the front legs.

**Paws:** Firm, round and thick. All four must be white. The front should be lacy white mittens. The back should be short boots. There should be toe tufts between the toes.

**Tail:** Medium-long, full, and carried like a plume.

**Coat:** Medium-long to long. Extremely thick, soft, like rabbit fur. Doesn't mat. Allowance should be made for seasonal variations in length and thickness of coat.

**COLOR:** Slight contrast between body color and points.

**Points Except Paws:** Mask, ears, front legs (except for lacy mittens and boots) clearly defined, all of the same shade. Mask covers cheeks, nose, and under the eyes, with a blaze going up the forehead. Mask covers whisker pads.

**Front Paws:** Front paws have white lacy mittens.

**Back Paws:** White boots must be on both back feet. At least ½ way up to the knee joint.

*Lilac Point:* Ears, face, tail, and legs dark lilac, with white under stripe from lower chin to tail. White mittens, nose a leather lilac. Eyes, the more blue the better.

*Seal Point:* Varying body colors from pale fawn to warm brown. Starting light behind the ears and getting darker in gradual stages to the end of the tail. Points are deep seal brown. Mittens and boots pure white. Eyes blue, the more blue the better.

**Penalize:** No white chest  
Siamese type head

**Withhold Winners:** Lack of white mittens  
Lack of white boots  
Kinked or abnormal tail  
Crossed eyes  
Eye color anything but blue

**Special Note:** The Ragdoll Cat does not reach full-growth until the age of 3 years. When they are born, they are almost white. Every time they shed, their fur comes in darker. The first things on them to darken are their ears, face, feet, and tail. Allowance should be made for this in judging.

The above Standard of Perfection has been made by me, Ann Baker, as the originator and founder of the Ragdoll Cats.