

# *Turkish Angora*

<b>Head</b>	<b>20 Pts.</b>
<b>Ears</b>	<b>5 Pts</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>20 Pts</b>
<b>Tail</b>	<b>5 Pts</b>
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>5 Pts</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>15 Pts</b>
<b>Color</b>	<b>10 Pts</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10 Pts</b>
<b>Condition</b>	<b>10 Pts</b>

**GENERAL:** The ideal Turkish Angora is a small to medium sized cat, long and svelte with all of the features combining in a balanced, graceful cat with a fine, silky coat that shimmers with every movement, in contrast to the firm, long muscular body beneath it. They respond best to firm handling and should be taken stretched from the cage when judged.

**HEAD:** Size: small to medium, in balance with the length of the body and extremities. Shape: a medium long, smooth wedge. Allowance is to be made for stud jowls. The top of the skull is medium in width, flat and long. In profile, the head shows two planes formed by the flat top of the head and the line of the nose meeting at an angle slightly above the eyes.

**EYES:** Large, almond-shaped, slanting slightly upward with an open expression.

**EYE COLOR:** There is no fixed relationship between a specific eye color and coat color. Each eye color description can include much variation within its defined spectrum, especially as cats mature.

Acceptable colors for Whites include blue, which encompasses shades from light blue to dark blue; green, which can range from pale green to deep green; green-gold, which includes any gold; or amber eye, that carries a greenish cast or ring; and odd-eyed, with one blue eye and the other green, green-gold or amber.

All other colors should have amber eyes, which can range from gold to rich copper with a slight green cast or ring allowed, richer tones are preferred. Odd-eyed cats should have similar depth of color in both eyes.

Pointed colors **MUST** have blue eyes; deeper the better.

**NOSE:** Medium in length.

**NECK:** Slim, graceful and medium to long in length.

**MUZZLE:** A continuation of the smooth lines of the wedge with neither pronounced whisker pads nor pinch. The chin should be firm, gently rounded, with the tip perpendicular to the nose.

**EARS:** Large, wide at base, pointed and tufted, set closely together, high on the head, vertical and erect.

**BODY:** Medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. Males may be slightly larger than females. The torso should long and slender. Shoulders should be the same width as hips, and the rump should be slightly higher than shoulders. The body should exhibit a fine to medium boning with a firm muscularity.

**LEGS:** Long in proportion to the body with the hind legs longer than front.

**PAWS:** Paws should be evenly rounded in proportion to the body with long tufts between the toes.

**TAIL:** Long and tapering from a wide base to a narrow end, with a full brush. The tail should be carried lower than the body but not trailing. When moving, the tail is sometimes carried as a "plume" over the body.

**COAT:** The Turkish Angora has a single coat. The length of body coat varies, but tail, undersides and ruff should be long, full, finely textured and have a silk-like sheen. "Britches" should be apparent on the hind legs.

Coat colors can be any color or combination of colors except the pointed pattern. (See note below under penalize.)

**CONDITION:** Slim, firm, neither fat nor emaciated, amenable to handling. The Turkish Angora is not fully mature until two years of age, and consideration should be given to younger adults and kittens.

**BALANCE:** Proportionate in all physical aspects with a graceful, lithe appearance.

**PENALIZE:** Obviously oversized body. Coarse appearance. Short legs. Tail disproportionate to body. Small ears too closely set. Round or Oriental set eyes. Broad chest, hips or shoulders.

**NOTE:** Pointed cats are registerable for breeding and registration only

**NFA:** Cobby body type. Kinked or abnormal tail. Any break or stop in the nose, crossed eyes, Oriental head type or miniaturization.

**Accepted Colors:** All colors and patterns, except pointed.