

Transylvanian Cat - Proposed WCF Breed Standard

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General appearance

Medium-sized, medium-length cat with powerful muscles and slender bone. The coat can make the cat appear more robust than the underlying frame. Overall impression balanced and elegant.

Conformation

Body	Medium size and length; well-muscled without heaviness; medium weight. Slender bone structure with powerful muscles.
Legs	Relatively high with slender boning; overall impression strong and athletic.
Paws	Compact and oval.
Tail	Medium length, thick at the base, tapering to a rounded tip.
Head	Modified wedge with slightly rounded upper contours; longer than broad. Slightly concave profile with no bump or stop; firm chin and pronounced muzzle with whisker break.
Ears	Medium, broad at the base, erect and following the head contours; slightly rounded tips. Light grey furnishings desirable.
Eyes	Medium, oval and slightly oblique. Preferred colours range from yellow to hazel.
Coat	Short. Very soft dense undercoat with coarser guard hairs; a slight lift gives the coat its distinctive texture.
Carpati mutation / colour expression	Very pale grey to grey contrast on legs, paws, ears, mask and tail; salt-and-pepper effect over the body. A white locket is allowed on chest or belly only. Pale ear furnishings and whiskers are desirable. Kittens are very pale; development begins around two months and can continue until adulthood. The causal genetic variant remains under investigation.

Accepted colours

Black Carpati - Black with very pale grey hairs creating the salt-and-pepper effect; pale grey on nose, ear rims, paws and tail. Solid black nose leather and black paw pads.

Blue Carpati - Blue with very pale hairs creating the salt-and-pepper effect; pale grey on nose, ear rims, paws and tail. Solid blue-grey nose leather and blue-grey paw pads.

Faults

- Lack of very light grey hairs on ears, paws and tail in adults
- Boning too fine

Disqualifications

- Any colours other than solid black or blue
- Long-hair coat

Permitted outcross

- Short-haired black or blue Domestic cat only

Scale of points

Body	25
Head	25
Ears	5
Eyes	5
Coat Texture & Length	15
Colour & Mutation	15
Tail	5
Condition	5
Total	100

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