

STANDARD OF POINTS FOR NEBELUNG IN GCCF

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Nebelung is literally a “creature of the mist”, an elegant cat of foreign type with a semi-longhair coat of soft, silky texture in an attractive, medium blue with a silvery sheen. Shy in temperament, Nebelung need quiet, gentle handling. It is better to stand them on the table to assess their type and coat.

HEAD – A modified wedge with width at eye level. The wedge is medium with a flat plane between the ears. The cheekbones are high and broad. The forehead appears flat with a convex angle at the brow. The profile is straight from the brow to the nose tip. There should be depth to the chin. The whisker pads are prominent and the chin firm. The neck should be long and slender; it may seem heavier than it actually is because of the density of the small ruff.

EARS – The ears are as wide at the base as they are tall and set an ear width apart and fairly tall. They appear pointed. The outside is covered with short, fine hair and the inside sparsely furnished.

EYES – The eyes are rather large, almond shaped and set wide apart. The eye colour in adults should be green, as vivid as possible. Eye colour can be yellow in kittens. A Nebelung should have a soft, gentle expression.

BODY – The body should be long and elegant with foreign type. It should feel firm, lithe and muscular but not appear coarse.

LEGS AND PAWS – The legs should be long, slender and elegant with neat, rounded paws.

TAIL – The tail is rather thick at the base, tapering and well-furnished to form a brush. It should be long enough to reach the shoulder blades. Tail rings can take some time to disappear.

COAT – The coat is semi-long, with a fine undercoat covered with thicker guard hairs; it is dense but soft and silky to the touch. Males may have a more developed ruff than females. Breeches are desirable as are ear tufts. Feathering behind the ears of a lighter shade of blue is desirable. The toes should be tufted. The length of coat and density of undercoat can vary with the seasons and a shorter, less dense coat should not be penalised in the summer. Adult coats may take up to two years to fully develop.

COLOUR – An even, clear, medium blue although there could be ghost tabby markings in kittens. The guard hairs should be tipped with silver giving the overall appearance of light silver dusting. The nose leather and paw pads should be blue (pinkish lavender acceptable in kittens). Ghost tabby markings may be apparent in kittens.

CONDITION AND TEMPERAMENT – The condition and temperament of the Nebelung is an important consideration.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head shape and ears	20 points
Eye shape and colour	10 points
Body	20 points
Legs and Paws	5 points
Tail	5 points
Coat Texture and Length	20 points
Coat Colour	20 points
Total	100 points

Withhold all Awards for:

1. Extreme, aggressive temperament
2. White spots or lockets

Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Breed Classes for:

1. Incorrect eye colour in adults
2. Oriental type
3. British or cobby type
4. Flat coat lacking density, particularly in Winter.
5. Any defect as listed in the preface to this SOP Booklet