

***Southern Africa Cat Council --
MEDIUM HAIR BREEDS***

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Ragdoll

In appearance, the Ragdoll is a well-balanced cat with no one feature overpowering another. Females are noticeably smaller than males. Full maturity of colour in Pointed Ragdolls is not achieved until two years of age and full size and weight is not expected for at least five years. Ragdolls are renowned for their sweet and gentle natures. Ragdolls should be lifted and carried with two hands and never dangled.

The ideal Ragdoll is a large, imposing, strongly built cat with an elongated body, moderately long legs and plumed tail in proportion to the body. Type, size and conformation are the three most important attributes to be assessed.

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| HEAD | Size in proportion to body. Broad modified wedge with slightly rounded contours. Fur creates an appearance of a flat plane between the ears. Full cheeks in line with the wedge, tapering to a rounded strong muzzle. Strong jaw and chin. Forehead slightly rounded, merging into a gentle concave curve that ends in a straight medium length nose. A slightly retousse tip to the nose is required. |
| EARS | Medium in size, wide set and slightly flared. Wide at base with rounded tips and tilting slightly forward. It is desirable for the outer edge of the ear to follow the line of the wedge. |
| EYES | Large, oval in shape, slightly oblique and set wide apart. |
| NECK | Short and strong. |
| BODY | Large and long, solid, muscular and broad chested with substantial boning. Equally massive across the shoulders and hindquarters. May have fat pad on lower abdomen. |
| LEGS | Legs are medium to long with substantial boning. Hind legs slightly longer than front legs. |
| PAWS | Proportionately large, Round and tufted. |
| TAIL | Long, in proportion to body, tapering slightly to tip. Plumed. |
| COAT | Silky, dense and of medium length. Ruff and trousers preferred. Allowances to be made for entire animals and seasonal variations. |

SCALE OF POINTS

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| Type | Head | 20 |
| | Ears | 5 |
| | Eyes | 10 |
| | Body and neck | 20 |
| | Legs and paws | 10 |
| | Tail | 5 |
| | Coat length and texture | 10 |
| Colour and markings | | 15 |
| Temperament | | 5 |
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FAULTS

Narrow head.
 Pinched or narrow muzzle.
 Pronounced nose break.
 Round or oriental eyes.
 Fine boned or short legs.
 Badly off centre "V" on bicolour face.
 Colour on stomach or any designated white area in Bi-colours, excluding the occasional coloured spots on legs.
 Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Withhold major awards for:

- Roman nose.
- Eyes other than blue in pointed Ragdolls.
- Orange Eyes.
- Any white patching or spots, or lockets on colour pointed, self, smoke, shaded or tabby Ragdolls.
- Lack of white chin in Mitted Ragdolls.
- Any coloured markings on white area on the face in Bicolour Ragdolls.

Ragdoll coat colours:

Pointed colours

Pointed Ragdoll patterns:

EYE COLOUR Blue

COAT COLOUR **Note:** Ragdolls may not reach full maturity until five years of age and therefore allowances should be made for shading. **Points colour (mask, ears, legs, feet and tail)** to be well-defined and showing contrast between points and body colour. Stomach pad may have darker shading on Colour pointed Pattern only.

Colourpoint Ragdoll

Ragdolls may not reach full maturity until five years of age and therefore allowances should be made for shading.
 Points colour (mask, ears, legs, feet and tail) to be well-defined and showing contrast between points and body colour.
 Stomach pad may have darker shading.
 No white whatsoever permissible.
Nose leather & pads: Appropriate to the points colour

Mitted Colourpoint Ragdoll

A white blaze on the forehead and/ or nose is permitted.
 The blaze may be broken or unbroken.
 The nose leather colour should be appropriate to the points colour.
 The chin is white. White to extend from the bib to the under body from chest to tail and may be interrupted by areas of body colour.
 The two front paws should have white mittens that are evenly matched and not extending beyond the angle formed by the paw and leg.
 The hind legs should be white from to a minimum level of the hock, but preferably up to the level of the under body.
 Legs may show coin sized coloured spots.
Nose leather: Appropriate to the points colour.
Pads: Pink, but pink mottled with colour appropriate to the points is acceptable.

Bi-colour Colourpoint Ragdoll

The mask should have a balanced inverted "V" of white starting on the forehead and extending down towards the nose, whisker pads and chin.

The white should not extend beyond the outer aperture of the eye.

The back may have patches of white, which may vary in size, but should not exceed one third of back area.

The bib, chest and entire under body should be white.

The front legs should be all white.

It is desirable that the back legs should be white to the level of the under body.

Legs may show coin sized coloured spots.

Nose leather: Pink

Pads: Pink, but pink mottled with colour appropriate to the points is acceptable.

Other Ragdoll Coat Colours:

Self colours [black, blue, chocolate, lilac, red, cream and tortoiseshell]

Shaded colours

Smoke colours

Patterned colours [Tabbies]

Note: No white whatsoever permissible.

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| <p>Self: White, Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell</p> | <p>Eye colours: Green to yellow green, the greener the better. Blue or odd eyes permissible in white cats.</p> |
| <p>Smoke: Black Smoke, Blue Smoke Chocolate Smoke , Lilac Smoke , Red Smoke , Cream Smoke Black Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue Tortoiseshell Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac Tortoiseshell Smoke</p> | <p>Green to yellow green, the greener the better.</p> |
| <p>Shaded: Black Shaded, Blue Shaded, Chocolate Shaded, Lilac Shaded, Red Cameo, Cream Cameo, Black Tortoiseshell Cameo, Blue Tortoiseshell Cameo, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Cameo, Lilac Tortoiseshell Cameo</p> | <p>Green to yellow green, the greener the better.</p> |
| <p>Patterned (Tabby) Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell</p> | <p>Green to yellow green, the greener the better.</p> |
| <p>Mitted / Bicolour Ragdolls: The above colours can be combined with white to create Mitted or Bicolour Ragdolls.</p> <p>Note: Tortoiseshell cats with white are to be called tortoiseshell and white Mitted or Bicolour Ragdolls, NOT Calico's</p> | |

Other Ragdoll patterns:

Mitted Ragdoll

A white blaze on the forehead and/ or nose is permitted.

The blaze may be broken or unbroken.

The nose leather colour should be appropriate to the coat colour.

The chin is white. White to extend from the bib to the under body from chest to tail and may be interrupted by areas of body colour.

The two front paws should have white mittens that are evenly matched and not extending beyond the angle formed by the paw and leg.

The hind legs should be white from to a minimum level of the hock, but preferably up to the level of the under body.

Legs may show coin sized coloured spots.

Nose leather: Appropriate to the coat colour.

Pads: Pink, but pink mottled with colour appropriate to the coat is acceptable.

Bi-colour Ragdoll

The face should have a balanced inverted "V" of white starting on the forehead and extending down towards the nose, whisker pads and chin.

The white should not extend beyond the outer aperture of the eye.

The back may have patches of white, which may vary in size, but should not exceed one third of back area.

The bib, chest and entire under body should be white.

The front legs should be all white.

It is desirable that the back legs should be white to the level of the under body.

Legs may show coin sized coloured spots.

Nose leather: Pink.

Pads: Pink, but pink mottled with colour appropriate to the coat is acceptable.