

Classic Balinese Breed Standard

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Point Score

Head (20)		
Shape	5	
Profile	3	
Muzzle	3	
Ears	4	
Chin	3	
Forehead	2	
Eyes (10)		
Shape, size, slant, and placement	5	
Color	5	
Body (30)		
Structure and size, including neck	15	
Musculature	7	
Legs and feet	5	
Tail	3	
Coat (20)		
Texture	10	
Length	10	
Color (20)		
Body color	10	
Point color	10	

General: The ideal Classic Balinese is a medium to large long-haired cat of moderate type, blue-eyed with pointed color. The body is somewhat long but not svelte, well-muscled and surprisingly heavy. Body, legs, feet, head and tail are all in proportion, presenting a well-balanced appearance. The overall impression should be of a cat that is athletic, alert and intelligent, flowing with the grace of the Balinese dancers for whom the breed was named.

Head: Rounded modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide but not elongated. In profile there is a gentle convex curve from the top of the forehead slightly sloping down to just below eye level where there is a slight break, then continuing in a straight line to the end of the nose. The tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane. The muzzle is blunt, of medium length, and slightly wider than it is long, with a small whisker break. The cheeks are slightly rounded out from just below the ear and taper in a slight convex curve to a strong chin. Allowance to be made for jowls in the stud cat.

Ears: Alert, medium in length, almost as wide at the base as tall. Modified to a rounded point at the tip and set as much to the side as to the top of the head. Not overly large - proportional to the size of the head. Slight lynx tips on the ears desirable.

Legs: Proportional to body; moderately long and somewhat slim. Back legs slightly longer than front legs.

Body: Medium to large, neither long and svelte nor cobby and compact. Firm and muscular but not bulky. Females may be proportionately smaller than males. The torso should be rectangular in shape with a gently rounded chest and equal width across shoulders and hindquarters. The back rises slightly from shoulder to rump.

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Coat: Semi-long and silky fine but without undercoat. Coat is shorter on the face with increasing length as it flows from the head down the back, lengthening towards the tail. Neck ruff and breeches are desirable. Hair on feet somewhat short, but thick and plush. Paws should be feather-tufted. Allow for shorter coat in altered adults, or due to seasonal variation.

Eyes: Open almond shape slightly slanted along the cheekbones toward the outer edge of the eye. Eyes are proportional in size to the face and have an alert and intelligent expression.

Paws: Medium size, and more round than oval. **Toes:** Five in front and four behind.

Neck: Proportional in size and length; muscular.

Tail: Medium length in proportion to the body, with close lying hair. Heavier at the base, tapering gradually along the length to a rounded tip. Hair on the tail long, giving the impression of a feathery plume.

Color: Body: Even with subtle shading on hips and along back. Lighter areas on chest and belly. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as Classic Balinese do darken with age. There must still be a definite contrast in color between the body and the points. **Points:** Mask, legs, ears, feet and tail are densely colored, all of the same shade, and clearly defined. Mask covers entire face and is connected to ears by tracings but should not extend over the top of the head. Allowance to be made for incompletely developed point color in cats less than one year of age.

Penalize: Off-color or spotted nose leather or paw pads, ticking or white hairs in points. Tail kink that is detectable only by touch.

Disqualify: Any evidence of illness or poor health. Lack of nose break resulting in straight profile. Weak hind legs. Visible kink in the tail. Eyes crossed or other than blue. White toes and/or feet. Incorrect number of toes. Malocclusion resulting in either undershot or overshot chin. Definite undercoat. Short hair or hair that is all one length.

Balinese Colors

Seal Point: Body even pale fawn or cream, slightly darker across the back, shading gradually into a lighter color on the belly and chest. **Points:** Deep seal brown. Nose leather and paw pads same color as points. **Eye Color:** Deep, vivid blue.

Chocolate Point: Body ivory in color, lighter and with less shading than a seal point. **Points:** Milk chocolate color, warm in tone. Nose leather and paw pads are cinnamon pink. **Eye Color:** Deep, vivid blue.

Blue Point: Body icy bluish white, slightly darker across the back, shading gradually into a lighter color on the belly and chest. **Points:** Silvery blue grey. Nose leather and paw pads dark blue grey. **Eye Color:** Deep, vivid blue.

Lilac Point: Body milky white with no shading. **Points:** Frosty pinkish grey. Nose leather and paw pads lavender pink. **Eye color:** Deep, vivid blue.

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Classic Balinese allowable outcross breeds: Traditional Balinese,
Traditional Siamese, Classic Siamese