

Traditional 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 Traditional Balinese is a medium to large, long haired, blue-eyed cat of pointed color. The body is long and substantial, neither cobby nor svelte, but solid and surprisingly heavy. The cat presents a well-balanced appearance, with body, legs, feet, head and tail all in proportion. The overall impression should be of a cat that is graceful and flowing like the Balinese dancers for whom the breed was named, yet muscular and intelligent.

Head: Proportionately large and broad rounding out from the ears and gently tapering to the chin. In profile the tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane. There is a slight convex curve of the forehead to just below the eyes where there is a slight to moderate break. The muzzle is blunt and is slightly wider than it is long. The cheeks are rounded out from just below the ear and taper in a curved line 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; medium in length and muscular. Back legs slightly longer than front legs.

Body: Large to medium, neither long and svelte nor cobby and compact. Females may be proportionately smaller than males. The body should be large and substantial, rectangular in shape with a full chest and equal width across shoulders and hindquarters. Firm and muscular. Balance and proportion are more important than size alone. Minimal stomach pad on lower abdomen acceptable.

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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: Moderate in size and length and muscular.

Tail: Medium length in proportion to the body. 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 stomach. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as Traditional 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.

Traditional Balinese allowable outcross breeds: Traditional Siamese.