

## TONKINESE (TO)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	30 points
Shape .....	5
Ears .....	4
Eyes .....	5
Chin .....	3
Muzzle .....	3
Nose .....	1
Profile .....	8
Neck .....	1
<b>BODY AND TAIL</b> .....	30 points
Torso .....	11
Legs .....	3
Feet .....	2
Tail .....	2
Boning .....	4
Musculature .....	8
<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> .....	30 points
Length .....	3
Texture .....	3
Pattern/Color:	
Body .....	8
Points, Nose Leather, Paw Pads .....	8
Eyes .....	8
<b>OTHER</b> .....	10 points
Balance .....	4
Condition .....	3
Temperament .....	3

**CATEGORIES:** Sepia, Mink, Pointed.

**DIVISION:** Solid and Tortoiseshell.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:**  
Burmese, Siamese, European Burmese.

### HEAD:

**Shape:** Medium-short, modified wedge with clean, gently-curved contours, just slightly longer than wide. Head and ears give the impression of an equilateral triangle when viewed from the front.

**Ears:** Slightly longer than wide. Broad base with oval tips. Medium in size. Placed as much on the side of the head as the top with outer line continuing line of wedge. Pricked slight forward.

**Eyes:** The shape of a peach pit, half almond on top, slightly more rounded on bottom and in proportion to rest of face; medium in size and placed well-apart, at least one eye-width between. Slanted toward outer edge of ear.

**Chin:** Firmly curved, neither prominent nor weak with proper bite. In

profile, the tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane.

**Muzzle:** Medium length. Good width at jaw hinge, tapering gently to blunt finish, neither pointed nor excessively rounded. Muzzle break is definite but gently curved following the lines of the wedge with no suggestion of foxiness.

**Nose:** Slight convex curvature, neither ruler straight nor humped.

**Profile:** Slight convex curve from top of head to just above eyes, dipping to a gentle stop at or just below eye level, with no appearance of a break. Cheekbones are high and gently planed.

### BODY:

**Torso:** Medium length rectangle, appearing neither compact nor elongated. Shape is semi-foreign, neither stocky nor rangy. Size is medium, males larger than females, appearing neither slight nor bulky. Chest is of medium width, rounding gently in front, ribs slightly curved. Flanks level. Back rises slightly from shoulders to rump.

**Legs:** Fairly slim and proportionate in length and bone to body. Hind legs slightly longer than front.

**Feet:** Oval in shape and medium in size.

**Tail:** Wider at base, but not thick, tapering gently to slightly blunted tip. Length is approximately equal to body length from rump to shoulder blades.

**Boning:** Refined medium, proportionate to body. Neither heavy nor delicate.

**Musculature:** Solid, well-developed, with clean lines. Not burly or coarse. Abdomen firm and taut. Shoulders may be quite muscular in mature male.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

**Coat:** Medium short in length. Density is luxuriant, but close-lying.

**Texture:** Fine, soft, and silky with lustrous sheen.

**Body Color:** Rich and even, without dark spots, barring, or noticeable number of white hairs, shading gradually to slightly lighter hue on under parts. Hair may be lighter at the roots. Body color in pointed, a shaded neutral lacking color on under

parts, showing a marked contrast to points. Body color in minks a distinctly lighter shade of point color, showing definite contrast to points. Body color in sepias closer to that of extremities, showing slighter contrast to points. Preference should be given to clarity and maximum contrast in all colors, not to hue. Full color development may take up to 18 months, particularly in light colors

**Point Color:** Even and unbarred, without ticking or white hairs; paw pads and nose leather properly pigmented. In pointed and minks, color comparable on mask, ears, feet and tail, with points dense and clearly marked, but merging gently into body color on minks, particularly on legs. Except in kittens, there should be visible gauntlets and tracings connecting mask to ears. Mask should cover entire face including whisker pads, but must not extend over top of head like a hood. In sepias there is darker shading of varying degree on face, ears, tail, and feet, most noticeable in young cats and light colors; this is in no way a fault.

**Eye Color:** Chartreuse in sepias, green-gold to yellow-green; aqua in minks, blue-green to green-blue; blue in pointed, sky to violet. Deep, clear, brilliant, mid-range colors preferred. Color best determined in natural light.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The ideal Tonkinese is a medium-sized cat of semi-foreign type, well-muscled, with a firm feel and surprising weight for its size. The impression should be of an alert, sociable cat in superb condition, silken coated and gracefully athletic.

**BALANCE/CONDITION:** Impression should be of an alert, active cat in superb condition, silken coated and gracefully athletic. Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size, and excellence in one aspect does not offset deficiency in another.

**ALLOWANCES:** Incompletely developed eye and point color under 1 year of age. Darker body color due to age, provided acceptable contrast to points is maintained in pointed and mink colors. Apparent greater width and rounding of head in adult males due to stud jowls. Very slightly shorter, rounder head and

more compact type in young kittens, as bone structure tends to lengthen during maturation.

**PENALIZE:** Round or overly oriental eyes. Definite nose break. Barring on body, tail or legs.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS(WW):** Round head with protuberant round eyes, short muzzle, and nose break; extreme ranginess or cobbiness; white locket or button; pigment absent or spotty on leather; emaciation or apparent poor health.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Rapid oscillation of eyes; depressed or protruding sternum; miniaturization (mature males less than 7 pounds, females less than 5 pounds); any visible malformation not covered by Show Rules



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.*