

PROPOSED STANDARD FOR THE TRANSYLVANIAN CAT



General: A native breed found in the Carpathian Mountains with reverse point pattern known as the karpati pattern.

Body: Medium sized; robust, strong, well-muscled, semi-foreign body.

Chest rounded. High on legs. Medium boning. Paws are rounded. Tail is medium length, tapers to a rounded tip.

Head: Modified wedge, rounded contours. Longer than broad. Slightly rounded forehead. Profile slightly concave, no bump or stop. Firm chin.

Ears: wide at the base, medium in size, following the contours of the head, erect; slightly rounded tips, light grey furnishings desirable.

Eyes: medium in size, oval, slightly oblique, colour ranges from yellow to deep orange preferred, green is accepted.

Coat: short with a slight lift, undercoat very soft, guard hairs a little harsher. The reverse point colour varies from very light grey (almost white) to grey. It appears on the legs, paws, the ears, in the mask and the tail. The complete colour not finished until at least a year old. A white locket is allowed on chest or belly only. Appears 'salt and pepper' on the body.

White ear furnishings and white whiskers desired. Pattern presumed heat sensitive.

Pattern: Karpati. Proposed EMS code 28.

In kittens, the colour starts to develop approximately at the age of 2 months and starts on the ears, toes and the tip of the tail. The greyish white reverse point pattern continues slowly to develop until adulthood.

Accepted colours: blue and black with white locket on chest or belly.

Faults: Lack of very light grey hairs on ears and tail in adults. Boning too fine.

Disqualification: Any colours other than black or blue.

Outcrosses: Shorthair black or blue Domestic cat only.

Breeding Restrictions: One parent with white locket only, not both.

Scale of Points

Body:	20 points
Head:	20 points
Ears:	5 points
Eyes:	5 points
Coat Texture and Length:	15 points
Colour and Pattern:	25 points
Tail:	5 points
Condition:	5 points