

**Khao Manee (KAM)****General**

The Khao Manee is a natural breed which has its ancestry in Thailand. Like other indigenous Thai cats, it should have certain characteristics suitable for Thailand's hot, wet and tropical climate. This includes, in addition to a muscular athletic and supple body (never bulky), short smooth coat without undercoat and a medium long nose.

**Body**

Medium torso. Very firm but flat musculature, but cat should look agile and feel flexible and springy, not meaty or heavy. Males should have more muscles than females, but should not be cobby (so a little longer than high) or thick-necked.

Underbelly is mostly firm, level and parallel to the ground, but some loose skin on the underbelly is permissible.

The legs are medium to slightly long, well-proportioned to body. Front legs slightly shorter than back legs. Boning medium to slightly refined in females and slightly robust in males.

The paws are oval in shape, medium in size, in proportion to the legs and the body.

**Tail**

The tail is of medium length, at least to the middle of the body. Relatively strong at base, tapering gradually to the tip. Palpable and visible kinks are accepted from the tip to the last third of the tail.

**Head**

Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Viewed from the front, the face appears oval with a chiseled look and high cheekbones set along the lower curve.

Tip of nose and tips of ears form the points of an equilateral triangle.

The profile is rather long, nearly straight and goes to a convex forehead.

The nose line may be slightly convex.

The muzzle is long and wide, but still in relation to the head, with rounded contours.

The chin is moderate moderate to strong in width and depth and not fleeing, inproportional to the nose.

The whisker pads are also moderately cut out.

**Ears**

Slightly large, wide at the base, oval rounded tips, somewhat longer than wide at base. Ears should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated from each other, a bit less than an ear base width apart. The ears appear slightly transparent

**Eyes**

The eyes are relatively large and luminous. An open almond shape, with a noticeable Asian slant. Set a bit more than an eye width apart.

Any shade of blue (including aqua), golden (including shades of brown, copper, amber, yellow, and hazel), or green. Allowance for multiple colors or shades between eyes (odd-eye) or within an eye. The eye-colour must be brilliant, clear and vivid

**Coat**

The coat is short, fine, and lies close to the body so that the muscles are visible. It feels neither coarse nor fluffy.

## **Colour**

Pure, glossy white. A so-called gene-leak (which refers to the genotype) is allowed and can be present up to the age of 18 months.

The paw pads and the nose leather are pink.

## **Faults**

- Fully round eyes
- Small eyes
- Dull looking eyes
- Short, blunt muzzle or long, pointed muzzle
- Straight profile
- Narrow upper head or narrow space between the ears
- Small or very large pointed ears
- Ears set low or high (significantly above or below 11 and 1 o'clock)
- Overly cobby body

## **Faults that exclude the certificate**

- Roman profile
- Pronounced nose stop
- Pronounced convex forehead
- Cobby body
- Fluffy or stand-out coat
- Gene-leaks at cats over 18 months of age
- Paw pads and/or nose leather other than pink

## **Disqualification**

- Visible tail kink from base of the tail to two-thirds of the tail
- Strabismus
- Any color but white

## **Allowed outcross**

None

## **Scale of points**

Body	20 points
Head	20 points
Ears	5 points
Eyes	20 points
Coat: texture, -length	15 points
Colour	15 points
Condition	5 points