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# KHAO MANEE

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Breed Committee Chair: Mary Ellen Troup – Atlanta, GA  
Total Members: 1  
Ballots Received: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the point distribution as follows:

**Current:**

## POINT SCORE

### HEAD (20)

Shape.....	5
Profile.....	5
Ear set and placement .....	5
Muzzle and Chin.....	5

### EYES (25)

Size .....	5
Shape.....	10
Placement .....	10

### BODY (25)

Body .....	15
Legs and Feet .....	5
Tail .....	5

### COAT (15)

Length.....	5
Texture.....	10

### COLOR (15)

Body color.....	5
Eye color .....	10

**Proposed:**

### HEAD (20)

Shape.....	5
Profile.....	5
Ear set and placement .....	5
Muzzle and Chin .....	5

**EYES (~~25~~ 15)**

Size .....	5
Shape.....	<del>10</del> <u>5</u>
Placement .....	<del>10</del> <u>5</u>

**BODY (~~25~~ 30)**

Body .....	<del>15</del> <u>20</u>
Legs and Feet .....	5
Tail .....	5

**COAT (15)**

Length .....	5
Texture .....	10

**COLOR (~~15~~ 20)**

Body color .....	<del>5</del> <u>10</u>
Eye color .....	10

**RATIONALE:** We feel adding more points to the body and color are important characteristics of the Khao Manee, set them apart from other cats, and is more aligned with our vision for the breed. We received feedback from several judges and board members that there were too many points on the eyes and removed points from them in order to allow a better distribution across these other two very important features.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

- 2. **PROPOSED:** Revise the GENERAL section of the standard as follows:

**Current:**

**GENERAL:** The Khao Manee is a natural breed of Thailand. The Khao-plort (“all white”) cat with mercury colored eyes is described in the Tamra Maew, the Siamese Cat Poems, dating at least 700 years ago. Although it is not certain when the cat fanciers of Siam began to favor odd-eyes in the Khao-plort, it was probably about 100 years ago. The cats at that time came to be called Khaomanee which means “white gem”. Like other native cats of Thailand, they should have characteristics suitable for the hot, wet, tropical climate, including a lithe, but not extreme, body, medium length nose (to handle hot air better than a short nose), a short smooth coat, and a muscular and athletic, but never bulky, body. Characteristics more typical of Western breeds, such as round heads with short muzzles and round eyes, are to be avoided. The personality of the Khao Manee, like that of all the native

cats of Thailand, is communicative, though not necessarily noisy. They are active, playful, curious cats. They love to interact with people and hate to be left alone and ignored. The Khao Manee is a highly intelligent and affectionate breed.

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**RATIONALE:** Removing parts of the breed standard that should be included in a breed profile keeps with consistency across other CFA breed standards.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Revise description of **HEAD** as follows:

**Current:**

**HEAD:** Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Viewed from the front, the face appears elliptical, with focus points just below the outer corners of the eyes. Fairly prominent cheek bones lie along an inner ellipse with the same focus points. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of an equilateral triangle.

**Proposed:**

**HEAD:** Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Viewed from the front, the face appears elliptical, with focus points just below the outer corners of the eyes oval with a chiseled look and high cheekbones set along the lower curve. ~~Fairly prominent cheek bones lie along an inner ellipse with the same focus points.~~ Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of an equilateral triangle.

**RATIONALE:** We clarified the head structure based on terms seen in other CFA accepted standards to make the description easier to understand.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**4. PROPOSED:** Revise the description of **PROFILE** as follows:

**Current:**

**PROFILE:** Long, very slightly convex forehead. Nearly straight profile, but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes. Nose may be slightly convex

**Proposed:**

**PROFILE:** Long, very slightly straight to convex forehead. Moderate, nearly straight profile, but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes. Nose may be slightly convex.

**RATIONALE:** We clarified the profile based on terms seen in other CFA accepted standards to make the description easier to understand.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**5. PROPOSED:** Revise the description for **MUZZLE AND CHIN** as follows:

**Current:**

**MUZZLE and CHIN:** Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, forming boundary of hemispheric, rounded muzzle. Moderate chin, proportional to the nose.

**Proposed:**

**MUZZLE and CHIN:** Medium in length and width. Muzzle break is moderate, ~~forming boundary of hemispheric,~~ with a rounded muzzle. Moderate chin, proportional to the nose.

**RATIONALE:** We clarified the muzzle based on terms seen in other CFA accepted standards to make the description easier to understand.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**6. PROPOSED:** Revise the description for **TAIL** as follows:

**Current:**

**TAIL:** Medium. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Palpable kinks accepted.

**Proposed:**

**TAIL:** Medium. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Palpable kinks accepted and visible kinks accepted from the tip to the last third of the tail.

**RATIONALE:** Being a natural breed of Thailand, the Khao Manee breeders throughout the world are seeing up to 75% of kittens with visible tail kinks. Rather than eliminate those cats from our breeding programs and potentially destroying our gene pool, we would like to embrace those kinks as a natural occurrence of the breed, as long as the kinks are not from the base to two-thirds point on the tail.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**7. PROPOSED:** Revise the description for **EYES** as follows:

**Current:**

**EYES:** Slightly to moderately large and luminous. An open almond shape, somewhat rounded when fully open or startled, but with a noticeable Asian slant when relaxed. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Any eye color permissible, but must be clear, vivid, and jewel-like in tone.

**Proposed:**

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**RATIONALE:** We clarified the eye description based on terms seen in other CFA accepted standards to make the description easier to understand.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**8. PROPOSED:** Revise the **DISQUALIFY** section as follows:

**Current:**

**DISQUALIFY:** Visible tail kink. Incorrect number of toes. Crossed eyes. Any color but white.

**Proposed:**

**DISQUALIFY:** Visible tail kink from base of the tail to two-thirds of the tail. Incorrect number of toes. Crossed eyes. Any color but white.

**RATIONALE:** This is aligned with the standard changes to the tail above.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**

**9. Proposed:**

**Current:**

**Nose leather and lips:** pink. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** Brilliant, clear, and vivid luminous, vibrant color. Any shade of blue (including aqua), gold (including shades of brown, copper, amber, yellow, and hazel), or green. Allowance for multiple colors or shades between eyes or within an eye.

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**RATIONALE:** The Khao Manee is known as the cat with mercury colored eyes. Because of this, we do not want judges to penalize a pale colored eye. We wanted to make the eye color description clear to indicate equal weight to any depth of color and remove a potential preference for deep eye color.

YES: 1

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 1

60% of Voting: 1

**Motion Carried.**