

Turkish Van



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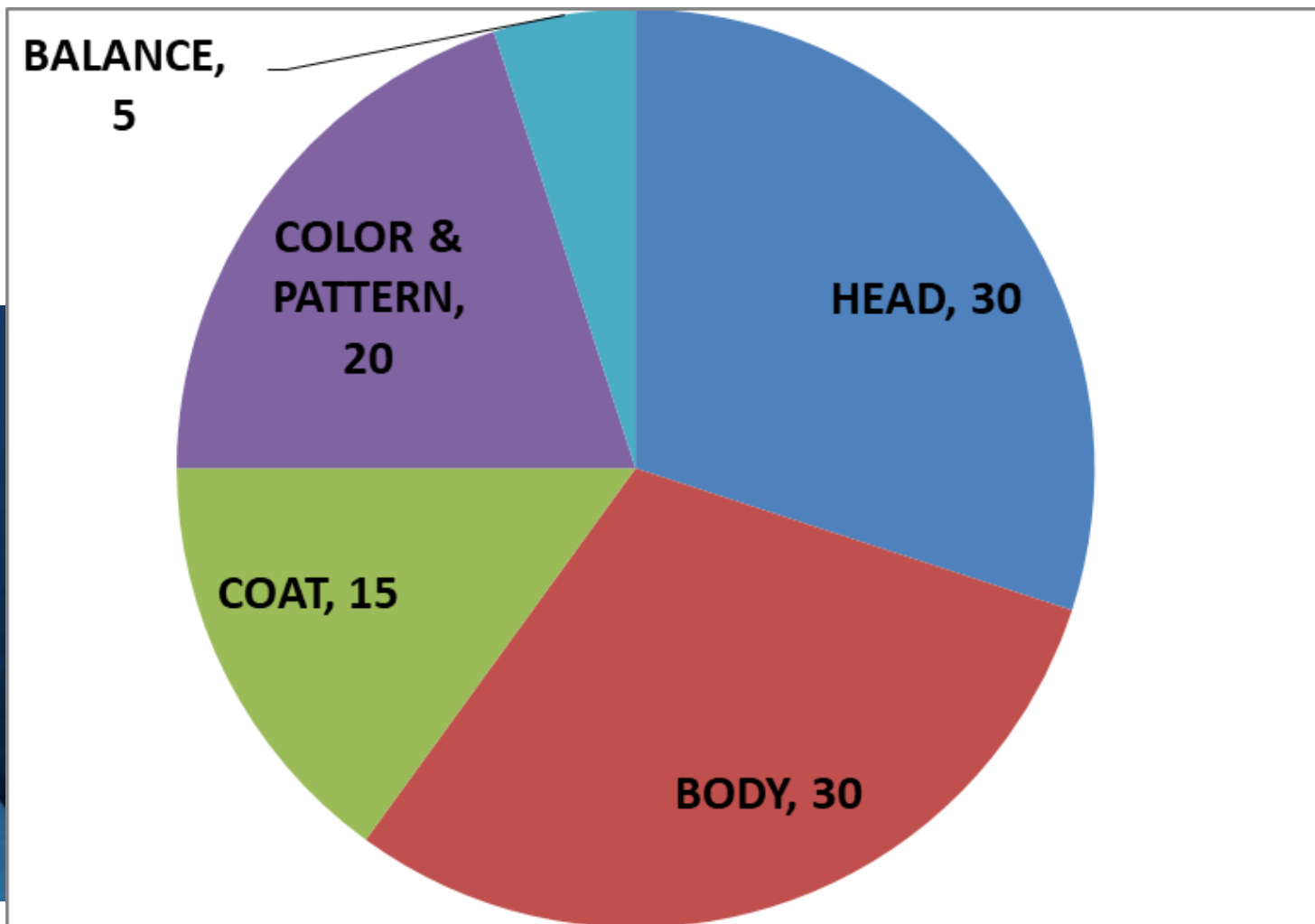


About the Turkish Van

- Natural breed from Middle East
- Intelligent, alert cats
- Semi-long coat
- Handle better with all feet on solid surface

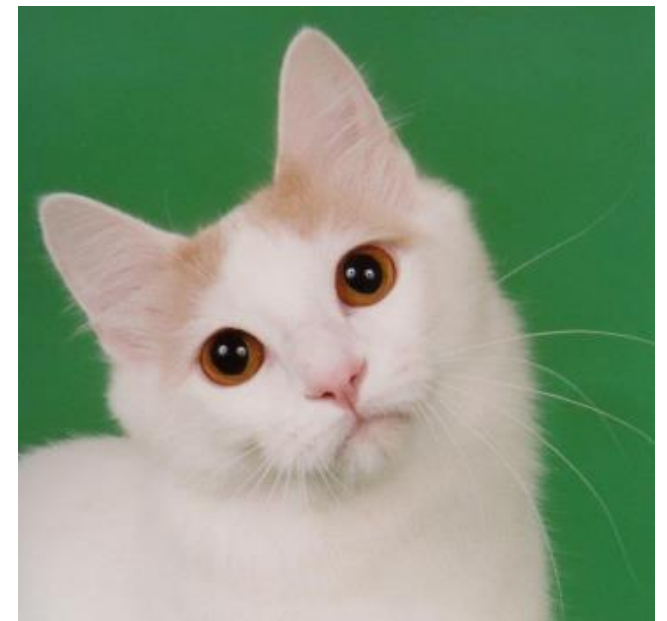


Points Breakdown



Head

- **Shape:** Substantially broad wedge with gentle contours (ears not included in wedge); prominent cheekbones
- **Nose** - Medium length with slight dip below eye level
- **Muzzle** - rounded; firm chin in straight line with nose and upper lip
- **Ears** - moderately large, set high and well apart with slightly rounded tips and insides well feathered;
- **Eyes** - moderately large, rounded aperture slightly drawn out at corners, set at a slant; clear, alert, and expressive



Body

- Moderately long, sturdy, broad, muscular, and deep-chested
- **Males** - exhibit marked muscular development in neck and shoulders; larger than females
- **Shoulders** – At least as broad as head, flow into well-rounded ribcage
- **Legs** – Moderately long & muscular, set wide apart and taper to rounded, moderately large feet; in proportion to body
- **Tail** – Long with brush appearance, tail hair semi-long; in proportion to body



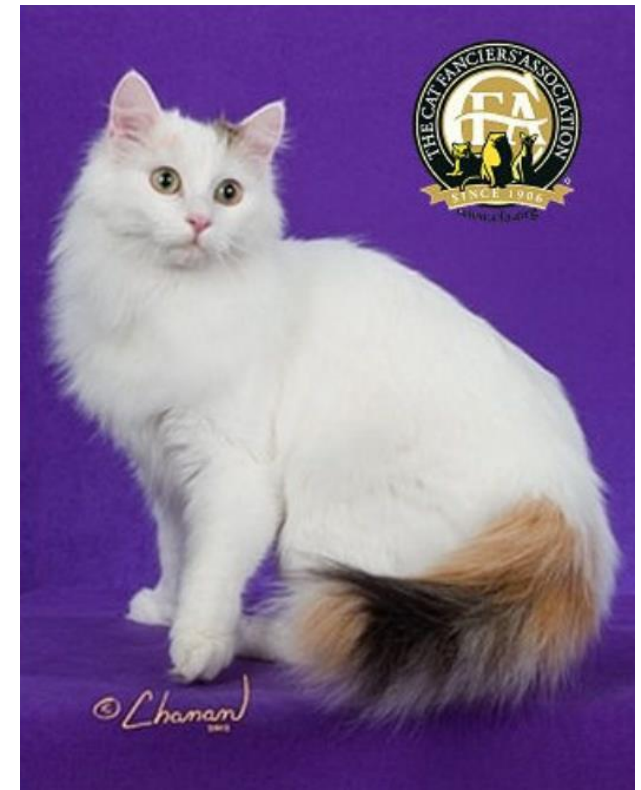
Coat

- Semi-long with cashmere-like texture
- Soft to the roots with no trace of undercoat
- Seasonal coat allowance:
 - Summer coat (see above, right) – Short
 - Winter coat (see below, right) – longer and thicker
- Feathering on ears, legs, feet, and belly
- Facial hair is short; frontal neck ruff and full brush tail more pronounced with age
- Allowances for shorter coats and tail hair for kittens/young adults



Color & Pattern

- **Van pattern only** on glistening chalk-white body with colored markings confined to head and tail preferred
- One or more random markings, color on up to 15% of body (excluding head and tail) permissible
- Symmetrical pattern of head markings, divided by white up to front edge of the ears desirable



Balance

- Should convey overall impression of well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance
- No exaggerated features



Penalize/Disqualify

Penalize:

- Any evidence of extremes
- More than 20% white on tail
- Flat profile

Disqualify:

- Total absence of color in area from eye level up to back of head or tail
- Definite nose break
- Genetic/skeletal defects
- Crossed eyes, incorrect number of toes
- Color in excess of 15% of entire body (excluding head and tail color)

