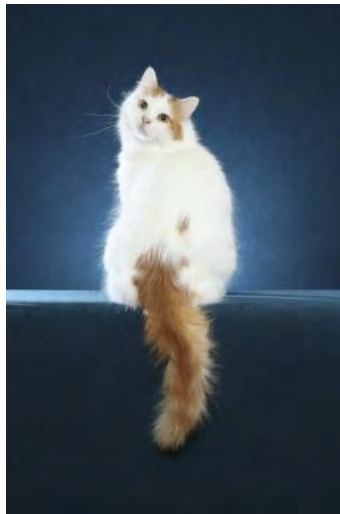


## TURKISH VAN (TUV)



### Scale of Points

<b>Head &amp; eye shape</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Ears</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Eye colour</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Body &amp; Tail</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Colour &amp; Pattern</b>	<b>15</b>

### General Type Standard

<b>General</b>	<p>The Turkish Van Cat is a naturally occurring semi-longhaired breed from the rugged region of the Middle East centred on Lake Van, where the climate varies to extremes.</p> <p>The breed is known for its unique distinctive pattern, a white cat with strikingly coloured head and tail. It is a large muscular cat; the strength and power is evident in its substantial body and legs.</p> <p>The breed does not gain full maturity until three years or more, therefore allowances must be made for age and gender. Individual cats should convey an overall impression of a well balanced, well proportioned and strong appearance in which no one feature is exaggerated.</p> <p>All varieties of Turkish Van should conform to this general type standard.</p>
<b>Head</b>	Substantial broad wedge, nose medium to long, straight but with a barely perceptible dip in profile.
<b>Ears</b>	Moderately large, well feathered, fairly close together and set high on head.
<b>Eyes</b>	Large and oval, alert and expressive. To be of the requisite colour with pink rims.
<b>Body</b>	Long and sturdy, broad, muscular and deep-chested, especially the males.
<b>Legs &amp; Feet</b>	Legs well-boned and medium in length. Feet neat, well rounded and tufted.
<b>Tail</b>	Full brush, length to balance with the body.
<b>Coat &amp; Condition</b>	Fur should be long, soft and silky to the roots. No woolly undercoat. It should be noted that the winter coat of the Van is longer and heavier than the summer coat. Longer coated cats are to be preferred. The neck and chest ruff should become more pronounced with age. The cat should be well groomed and immaculately prepared with no trace of greasiness, staining or tangles in the coat.
<b>Colour &amp; Pattern</b>	Chalk white with no trace of yellow. Colour markings on the head but not below the level of the eyeliners or beyond the base of the rear of the ears; the colour on the head should be separated by a vertical white blaze. It should be noted that too little marking on the head is as undesirable as too much. White nose. Ears should be white with delicate shell pink inside. The brush is coloured. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

**Note: The foregoing description is the ideal.**

1. Occasional small 'thumb-prints' of colour irregularly placed on the cat, colour extending from the root of the tail onto the back and small extensions of the colour beyond the defined limits of the head markings are undesirable but should not penalise an otherwise good specimen. Also note that the pink areas may show coloured spots appropriate to the markings colour.
2. The eye colours may fade with age, the amber particularly taking on a greenish tinge, which likewise should not penalise an otherwise good specimen.

**Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Open Classes for:**

1. Siamese, Persian or British type
2. Light-boned or undersized adults
3. Orange or copper eyes in adults
4. Absence of van patterning
5. A partially white tail
6. Absence of a vertical white blaze between the coloured head markings
7. Any defect as listed in the preface to this SOP booklet.

**AUBURN TURKISH VAN TUV d**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn. Brush solid auburn or ringed with dark auburn on a paler auburn ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**AUBURN TURKISH VAN - Blue-eyed TUV d 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn. Brush solid auburn or ringed with dark auburn on a paler auburn ground.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**AUBURN TURKISH VAN - Odd-eyed TUV d 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn. Brush solid auburn or ringed with dark auburn on a paler auburn ground.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BLACK TURKISH VAN TUV n**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid black with no tabby markings. Brush solid black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Light to medium amber.

**BLACK TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV n 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid black with no tabby markings. Brush solid black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Blue.

**BLACK TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV n 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid black with no tabby markings. Brush solid black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BLUE TURKISH VAN TUV a**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid blue with no tabby markings. Brush solid blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Light to medium amber.

**BLUE TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV a 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid blue with no tabby markings. Brush solid blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Blue.

**BLUE TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV a 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings solid blue with no tabby markings. Brush solid blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** – One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**TORTOISESHELL TURKISH VAN TUV f**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of auburn and/or black with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of auburn and black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Light to medium amber.

**TORTOISESHELL TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV f 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of auburn and/or black with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of auburn and black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – Blue

**TORTOISESHELL TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV f 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of auburn and/or black with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of auburn and black without rings.

**Eye Colour** – One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**CREAM TURKISH VAN - TUV e**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings cream. Brush solid cream or ringed with cream on a paler cream ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**CREAM TURKISH VAN - Blue-eyed TUV e 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings cream. Brush solid cream or ringed with cream on a paler cream ground.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**CREAM TURKISH VAN - Odd-eyed TUV e 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings cream. Brush solid cream or ringed with cream on a paler cream ground.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BLUE TORTIE TURKISH VAN TUV g**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of cream and/or blue with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of cream and blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**BLUE TORTIE TURKISH VAN - Blue-eyed TUV g 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of cream and/or blue with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of cream and blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**BLUE TORTIE TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV g 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings shades of cream and/or blue with no tabby markings. Brush patched shades of cream and blue without rings.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BROWN TABBY TURKISH VAN TUV n 21**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings black tabby markings on a brown ground. Brush ringed with black on a brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**BROWN TABBY TURKISH VAN - Blue-eyed TUV n 21 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings black tabby markings on a brown ground. Brush ringed with black on a brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**BROWN TABBY TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV n 21 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings black tabby markings on a brown ground. Brush ringed with black on a brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BLUE TABBY TURKISH VAN TUV a 21**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings blue tabby markings on a paler blue ground. Brush ringed with blue on a paler blue ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**BLUE TABBY TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV a 21 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings blue tabby markings on a paler blue ground. Brush ringed with blue on a paler blue ground.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**BLUE TABBY TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV a 21 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings blue tabby markings on a paler blue ground. Brush ringed with blue on a paler blue ground.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**TORTIE TABBY TURKISH VAN TUV f 21**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn and/or black tabby markings on a paler auburn and/or brown ground. Brush ringed with auburn and black on a paler auburn and brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**TORTIE TABBY TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV f 21 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn and/or black tabby markings on a paler auburn and/or brown ground. Brush ringed with auburn and black on a paler auburn and brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - Blue.

**TORTIE TABBY TURKISH VAN – Odd-eyed TUV f 21 63**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings auburn and/or black tabby markings on a paler auburn and/or brown ground. Brush ringed with auburn and black on a paler auburn and brown ground.

**Eye Colour** - One of blue, one of light to medium amber.

**BLUE TORTIE TABBY TURKISH VAN TUV g 21**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings cream and/or blue tabby markings on a paler cream and/or blue ground. Brush ringed cream and blue on a paler cream and blue ground.

**Eye Colour** - Light to medium amber.

**BLUE TORTIE TABBY TURKISH VAN – Blue-eyed TUV g 21 61**

**Pattern Colour** – Head markings cream and/or blue tabby markings on a paler cream and/or blue ground. Brush ringed cream and blue on a paler cream and blue ground.

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