



Intelligence

According to "Encyclopedia of Cat Breeds" by J. Anne Helgren (1997), (which has a rating scale on intelligence and other breed traits) the Balinese is rated the highest in intelligence of all the long-haired breeds, a 9-10 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Ideal Weight

A Balinese tends to be averaged sized or slightly larger. Males weigh from 12 - 16 lbs, and females 8 - 12 lbs.

Life Span

The average Balinese life span is around 15 years.

Litters

Gravity (pregnancy) period lasts 9 weeks, and the litter size averages 3 or 4 kittens. But litters of 5 to 7 kittens are possible.

Grooming

A Balinese sheds very little fur and its coat usually does not mat, making grooming requirements minimal. Only short haired cats require less grooming.

Health Problems

Crossed-eyes occasionally occur, although this is not typically considered detrimental to their health or longevity. Modern breeds, in general, are more prone to health problems than the more robust traditional types. In general, the Balinese is prone to the same health problems as Siamese. Be sure to watch out for nystagmus (a slight but very rapid jerking back-and-forth of the eyes) and congenital heart defects.

Beatrice Dore's SiamBaliRags Cattery



Breed Standards

GENERAL: The ideal Balinese is a sleek cat with long tapering lines, very long but also strong and muscular. Excellent physical condition. Neither flabby nor bony. Not DL. Eyes clear. Because of the longer coat the Balinese appears to have softer bone and less extreme type than other breeds of cats with similar type.

HEAD: Long, tapering wedge. Medium size in good proportion to body. The total wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight line to the tip of the ears forming a triangle, with no break at the whiskers. No less than the width of an eye between the eyes. When the whiskers and face hair are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent. Allowance must be made for joints in the head etc.

SKULL: Flat. In profile, a long straight line should be felt from the top of the head to the tip of the nose. No bulge over the eyes. No dip in nose.

EARS: Strikingly large, pointed, wide at base, combining the lines of the wedge.

EYES: Almond shaped. Medium size. Neither protruding nor recessed. Slanted downwards the nose in harmony with lines of wedge and ears. Uncolored.

NOSE: Long and straight. A continuation of the forehead with no

break.

MUZZLE: Fine, wedge-shaped.

CHIN and JAW: Medium size. Tip of chin lower tip of ear. Tip of nose in the same vertical plane. Nochet receding nor excessively massive.

BODY: Medium size. Oriental, long, and sleek. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. Shoulders and hips continue same sleek lines of elegant body. Hips wider than shoulders. Abdomen tight. The male may be noticeably larger than the female.

NECK: Long and slender.

LEGS: Bone structure long and sleek. Hind legs higher than front. In good proportion to body.

PAWS: Dense, small, and oval. Toes are in front and feet belted.

TAIL: Bone structure long, thin, tapering in a fine point. Tail hair spreads out like a plume.

COAT: Medium length, fine, silky without downy undercoat lying close to the body, the coat may appear shorter than it is. Hair is longer on the tail.

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From SlamBaliRagi Cattery,
an Old-Fashioned,
Traditional Applehead
Balinese.*

