# LYKOI

The Lykoi is a natural mutation from the wild domestic cat population. The breed has a unique color pattern which makes the hair coat roan. It is also partially hairless. The combination of the color pattern and partial hairlessness gives the Lykoi a werewolf-like appearance.

**HEAD** . . . . . 40 points
- Muzzle/Chin/Nose . . 12
- Shape . . . . . 10
- Ears . . . . . 8
- Eyes .. . . . . 6
- Profile . . . . . 3
- Neck . . . . . 1

**BODY** . . . . . 30 points
- Torso . . . . . 7
- Musculature . . . . . 7
- Legs/Feet . . . . . 6
- Boning . . . . . 6
- Tail . . . . . 4

**COAT** . . . . . 30 points
- Texture (Density) . . . 15
- Color/Pattern . . . . . 10
- Length . . . . . 5

**CATEGORIES:** Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** Solid.

**COLORS:** Black only. Other colors are allowed for breeding, but not showing. Every cat will have the amelanistic (roan) pattern in the coat.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Solid black Domestic Shorthair.

**NATURAL ADDITIONS:** Due to the limited gene pool available, any cat naturally born to have the sparse hairless and intermixed amelanistic hair (roan), regardless of show standard, can be used for breeding only. They can be used in showing if they meet the standard.

**HEAD:**

Shape: Modified wedge with rounded contours from nose to cheeks to ears. Slightly rounded forehead. Slightly longer than wide.

Ears: Large, wide at the base and pointed on the tips. Set high on the head, vertical and erect. Hairless with some sparse hair on outer surface allowed.

Eyes: Large, walnut shaped, slanting upward with an open expression. The rims are hairless giving the appearance of white eye liner. Gold color preferred.

Muzzle/Chin/Nose: Muzzle is medium in length; fleshy with gently rounded hairless whisker pads and a definite whisker break. Muzzle ends with a well-developed chin aligned vertically with the nose, having a rounded appearance; full but neither projecting nor receding. Nose is hairless and leathery to the touch, slightly rounded down at the end. The hairlessness gives the appearance of wearing a mask when connected to the hairless areas of the eyes.

Profile: A concave curve from brow to bridge.

Neck: Medium length. Neither thin nor overly muscular.

**BODY:**

Torso: Foreign type.

Musculature: Lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.

Legs/Feet: Legs and feet are sparsely haired. Medium boning; medium length. Feet are medium in size and oval shaped. Toes are long in appearance.

Boning: Medium.

Tail: Tail is shorter than body and tapers to a point.



**COAT:**

Texture: Partially hairless; NOT dense. Undercoat is minimal; longer guard hairs cover body. Amount of coat will vary depending on cycle of hair. Coat resembles the look of an opossum coat. Soft to the touch.

Color/Pattern: 30% to 70% range of dark black from root to tip hair intermixed with white amelanistic from root to tip hair wit 50/50 being ideal. White hair is dispersed over the body and not focalized. Legs and feet are sparsely haired and can be hairless.

Length: Short to medium length.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Lykoi is an ancient Greek word that means wolf. Lykoi come in many colors, but only solid black roan is allowed to show. When one looks straight into the face, the cat has the appearance of the mythical werewolf. The Lykoi is a partially hairless cat that can be almost entirely hairless to almost completely coated, depending on the cycle of hair. The hair coat is unique in appearance in that it resembles the coat of an opossum when mostly coated. The Lykoi is a natural mutation that has been reported intermittently over the past few years. The Breed has been started from two separate sibling litters in 2011. The Lykoi is a very friendly cat and demands attention from people. Most people consider them unattractive when they first see them, but then want to do nothing but hold them when they recover from the first impressions. Some people, after seeing them, want a little wolf.

**LOCKETS:** Allow.

**ALLOWANCES**: Hairlessness varies from almost completely hairless to almost completely coated during phases of hair growth. Eyes to be smaller in proportion to head in cats less than 8 months old. Allow for stud jowls in males. Males may be substantially larger than females. Pigmentation spots to full tanning can occur when exposed to sunlight.

**PENALIZE:** More than sparse undercoat.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS(WW):** Absence of hairless face mask. Any base color other than black. No amelanistic hair (roan). Fully coated.

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*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.* ***In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications:*** *a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing , except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults* ***if Board approved standard requires disqualification*** *(216.12.4), crossed eyes* ***if Board approved standard requires disqualification*** *(216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.*