

Havana (HAV)**General**

The overall impression of the ideal Havana (also called Havana Brown or Suffolk in other associations) is a cat of medium size with a rich, solid color coat and good muscle tone. Its typical strong and square muzzle is a characteristic feature of the breed, distinguishing her from its oriental ancestors.

Through this muzzle, the coat color, brilliant and expressive eyes and large forward tilted ears, the Havana is not comparable with any other breed.

Body

The body is medium in length, firm and muscular but also graceful and elegant. The general body shape can be described as a mixture of all other body shapes, such as short, cobby, long stretched, slender etc. Adult males tend to be larger than their female counterparts. Overall balance and proportions rather than size to be determining factor.

The neck is medium in length and well muscled, in proportion to the body.

The legs are long, straight, compared to the size of the cat, elegant with strong boning. The legs of females are slim and dainty; slenderness and length of leg will be less evident in the more powerfully muscled, mature males. Hind legs slightly longer than front. Paws are oval and compact, in proportion to the legs.

Tail

The tail is slender and medium long and extends at least to the middle of the body.

Not too broad at base, tapered at the end.

Head

When viewed from above, the head is longer than it is wide, tapering to a round muzzle with a pronounced break on both sides behind the whisker pads and is well proportioned to the body.

Due to the pronounced whisker pads, the side headline (seen from above) is interrupted, which is typical for the Havana. The end of the muzzle appears almost square.

The forehead is flat followed by a defined stop at eye level.

The chin is strong, well developed and should form a perpendicular line with the tip of the nose.

Sparse hair on the chin, directly below lower lip, is allowed.

Allowance to be made for broader heads and pronounced cheekbones at adult males.

Ears

The ears are large, round-tipped, wide-set but not flaring. Tilted forward giving the cat an alert impression. They are very slightly furnished.

Eyes

The eye shape is aperture oval. Medium sized appearing large. Brilliant, alert and expressive.

Color: any vivid and level shade of green, the deeper the color the better.

Coat

The coat is short to medium in length, smooth and lustrous. It lies close to the body, without undercoat

Colour varieties

Brown - The colour is a rich even shade and tends from a warm brown to a red-brown (mahogany).

Nose leather: brown with a rosy flush

Paw pads: rosy toned

Whiskers: brown, complementing the coat color

Lilac - glacial grey with slight pink tinge

Nose leather: lavender-pink

Paw pads: lavender-pink

Whiskers: lavender-pink

Ghost tabby markings at kittens are allowed.

Faults

- No pinch or no stop
- Weak chin
- Ghost marking at adults

Faults that exclude the certificate

- Oriental type
- Roman profile
- Narrow muzzle

Disqualification

- Kinked tail
- Lockets
- Any other eye colour than green
- Incorrect colour of whiskers, nose leather or paw pads as previously described

Allowed outcross

None

Scale of points

Body	35 points
Head	20 points
Ears	5 points
Eyes	10 points
Coat: texture and length	10 points
Colour	15 points
Condition	5 points