

# THE RAGAMUFFIN STANDARD OF POINTS

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## **The RagaMuffin is fully fleshed, Large, cuddly, teddy-bear of a cat**

**General Appearance:** The RagaMuffin is a large breed, well balanced both in personality and physical characteristics. While their characteristic sweet and gentle expression results from the size, shape and setting of their expressive eyes combined with puffy whisker pads, no physical characteristic is extreme. The RagaMuffin is a substantial cat with boning consistent with its size. A RagaMuffin reaches full maturity at approximately four years of age. While the breed is large; females are substantially smaller than the males. Both sexes should be muscular and heavy with a fleshy pad on the lower abdomen. RagaMuffins are wrapped in luxurious coats of nearly every colour and pattern, including the welcomed appearance of a white tipped tail. RagaMuffins are bred to be sociable, intelligent, extremely affectionate, cuddly 'teddy bear' companion cats that are playful and entertaining throughout their lives.

### **Head:**

**Shape/Size:** The head is very broad, of moderate length and with rounded contours. The forehead should be moderately rounded, not domed. The muzzle and cheeks are also rounded, emphasizing the broadness of the head. There is puffiness to the whisker pad, which results in the characteristic "sweet look and gentle expression" of the RagaMuffin.

**Profile:** In profile, the chin is full and well developed, slightly tapered but not receding. An obvious nose break at the nasal bridge, straight at tip, and flows into the forehead, over top of head and down the back of the head.

**Neck:** The neck is short, heavy and strong, particularly in older males. An allowance is made for jowliness in mature adult males.

**Ears:** The ears should be set as much on the side of the head as on top of the head. Medium in size, tilted slightly forward, rounded, well furnished, and in pleasing proportion to the head. Ear tufts are allowed.

**Eyes:** Large, walnut shaped and spaced well apart. A sweet gentle expression is essential. The more intense the eye colour, the better.

**All eye colours, including odd eyed are acceptable**

**Note: The walnut shaped eye is best viewed at eye level. Observed from above, when the cat is looking up tends to make the eye appear round.**

### **Body and Tail:**

**Body:** Rectangular, broad chest and broad shoulders, and moderately heavy muscling in the hindquarters with the hindquarters being equally as broad as the shoulders. There should be a Fleshy pad in the lower abdomen. These cats are fully fleshed and such the backbone and ribs should not be visible. Full maturity is reached at four years of age at which time the RagaMuffin should be heavy boned, strong and muscular.

**Tail:** Well furnished tail in proportion to the body, similar in look to a plume or soft bottlebrush, medium at the base with a slight taper.

**Legs and Paws:** Legs should be heavily boned, medium to medium-long in length with the back legs slightly longer than the front legs, yet in proportion to the body. The paws should be large and round, able to support the weight of the cat without splaying, and with tufts beneath and between the paws.

**Coat:** The fur is to be medium to medium-long. A plush texture which is soft and dense and with an undercoat. Texture may vary slightly with colour. Fur length is to be slightly longer around neck and outer edges of face, resulting in the appearance of a ruff, and increasing in length from top of head down through shoulder blades and back, with the coat on the sides and stomach being medium to medium-long. The fur on the front legs is thick and short to medium in length. The fur on the hind legs is medium to medium-long and thick with the appearance of knickerbockers. There is a tendency for the coat to be slightly curled on the underbody.

**Colour:** All colours and patterns are allowed, (with the exception of the Siamese Colourpointed Patten), with or without white. Any amount of white is allowed e.g. white spots on paws, back, chest or belly; a blaze, a locket, white tip on tail, etc. The degree of symmetry whether in the pattern or the white spotting is of no importance. Nose leather and paw pads are accepted in all colours and in any colour combination, not necessarily related to coat colour. Cats with white on feet may have pink paw pads or they may be bi-colour or multi-colored. Body darkening in older cats; and lighter or incomplete markings in kittens and young cats is allowed.

**Amenable:** The RagaMuffin is known for being an easy-going cat that is easily handled, Allowances may be made for different surroundings but RagaMuffins should be amenable at ALL times.

**Allowances:**

**Head:** Less heavy features in females; undeveloped eye colour in young cats particularly in the Darker Points Pattern.

**Eyes:** Slighter paler eye colour in dilute cats.

**Body:** Underdeveloped fleshy pad in young cats; lighter weight in young, entire cats; slightly finer boning in females.

**Coat:** Lack of or short ruff in kittens; seasonal changes in coat length and colour; body darkening in older cats.

**Note:** The Silver gene can effect the texture of the coat and allowances should be made for that fact.

**Preferences:** Affectionate nature and deep, bright eye colour.

	SCALE OF POINTS
<b>Head – 55 in Total</b>	
Shape:	15
Sweet & Gentle Expression:	10
Ears:	5
Eyes:	10
Muzzle:	5
Profile:	10
<b>Body &amp; Neck – 20 in Total</b>	
Type to include Fleshy pad between hind legs:	10
Legs and Paws:	5
Tail:	5
<b>Coat – 10 in Total</b>	
Texture and Condition:	10
<b>Temperament</b>	15
Total	100

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

1. Fine Bone
2. Short Cobby Body
3. Long or Narrow Head
4. Pinched or Narrow Muzzle
5. Round Eyes
6. Cranial Doming
7. Roman Nose
8. Straight Profile or Definite Stop
9. Pointed Ears
10. Visible Tail Kink
11. Short hair on the body and/or tail which gives the impression of a short haired cat.
12. Any defect as listed in the preface to the GCCF S.O.P Booklet