



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

Vichienmas Cat

POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	5
(e) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	5
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	15
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Tail	5
Coat	
(a) Length	5
(b) Texture	10
Color	
(a) Body Color	15
(b) Eye Color	10
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

In Thailand, the Maew Boran with points and blue eyes are known as Vichienmas. The Seal (dark brown) point Vichienmas is one of the most popular colors today, as this color was exclusively reserved for the royal family pre-dating the reign of King Chulalongkorn, or Rama V (5th King) (1868 - 1910). Rama V is considered by most the greatest king to date for his modernization of Siam. He also had a great appreciation for all the Thai cats, with an interwoven past which can be linked to the present time.

Today only the Seal (dark brown) point Vichienmas is intentionally bred by Thai breeders, with the occasional chocolate point, or blue point appearing in litters. However, in the streets or temples, in addition to seal, chocolate and blue points - the red point, cream point, tabby (lynx) point and tortie point can also be found. However, only seal point color is accepted.

In the older manuscripts of the *Tamra Maew* the cat with 8 points is always named Maew Kaew, or "Jewel Cat". The names Vichien-mas (วิเชียรมาส) and Wichien-maat (วิเชียรมาศ) are both more modern spellings, with today preference for the latter. Vichien-mas appears in the 1957 cremation



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volume for Somdet Phra Puttajan translating to "Moon Diamond", whereas Vichien-maat appears in the Smud Khoi of cats, translating to "Gold Diamonds". Gold and Diamonds is perhaps a more accurate description, in agreement with "Jewel Cat" or Jewelry often composed of gold and diamonds. The body color is compared to *Sumree* or 'cotton'. At the time of writing the *samut thai* the most common source of cotton was from the silk cotton tree (*Ceiba pentandra*), which produced Kapok Fiber (*nun* in thai language), an off-white color. In most of the manuscripts the eye color is compared to an emerald, an aqua color. In one manuscript the eye color is compared to the body color of Naga.

Vichienmas Cat is very similar to "Siamese" except the body size.

HEAD

EYES	Slightly and moderately large and luminous. An open almond shape, but with a noticeable Asian slant when relaxed. Set a bit more than an eye width apart. Eye color is vivid blue. Eyes must be clear and vivid in color. The eye color is deep blue.
EARS	Medium to Slightly large, wide at the base, round ear tips, somewhat longer than width at base. Ears should point toward 11 and 1 o'clock. Ears should be well separated from each other, a bit less than an ear base width apart. Ear size should be appropriate to the face size. Slight furnishing at ear tip is allowed.
NOSE & PROFILE	Long, very slightly convex forehead. Slightly curved but with slight, straight, downhill slope from brow to just below the eyes. Proportion to the skull.
HEAD SHAPE AND SIZE	Modified wedge, with medium width and moderate length. Tip of nose and tips of ears form points of an equilateral triangle. Forehead is flat with slightly downward slope. Structure of the skull is a bit heart shape. The cheek is quite round and maybe more developed in adult male.
MUZZLE and CHIN	Medium in length and width. Muzzle is small tapering and gently rounded. Moderate chin, proportional to the nose. The chin is firmed and neither too weak nor too prominent.



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BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Medium torso. Very firm musculature. Males should have more muscle than females, but should not be cobby or tabular. Underbelly is mostly firm, level and parallel to the ground. I should show lithe and graceful appearance.
LEGS & FEET	Medium to slightly long, well-proportioned to body. Boning medium, neither fine-boned nor heavy-boned. Straight and no twisting. PAWS: oval in shape, medium in size. Toes: five in front and four behind
TAIL	Tapering long, measurable at least same length from the tail tip to the shoulder and longer is better. Proportional to the body, tapering gradually to the tip. Tail should be flexible without any kink.

COAT & SKIN:

Hair is medium short in length, fine; smooth enough to reveal musculature. Hair is single layer. Coat looks very shiny and smooth in texture.

COLOR:

COAT COLOR: All pointed color, balanced shade of the whole body. Shiny and smooth in appearance. Whisker is copper in color.

Paw pads: Same as the pointed color

EYE COLOR: luminous, vibrant color, Eye color is vivid blue

CONDITION:

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

PENALIZE:

- ❖ Fully round eyes with no indication of an Asian slant.
- ❖ Small or dull looking eyes.
- ❖ Short, blunt muzzle or long, pointed muzzle.
- ❖ Straight profile.
- ❖ Small ears, very large pointed ears, or ears set low or high (significantly above or below 11 and 1 o'clock).
- ❖ Overly cobby or distinctly tubular body.



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DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Visible tail kink.
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.
- ❖ Crossed eyes.
- ❖ Ticked or tabby masking in adult
- ❖ Eye color not blue

VICHNIENMAS CODE AND NUMBER

Type of Registered Cats	Male Color Class	Female Color Class
Pedigreed	PVICM	PVICF
Supernova	SVICM	SVICF

Vichienmas allowable outcross breeds: None