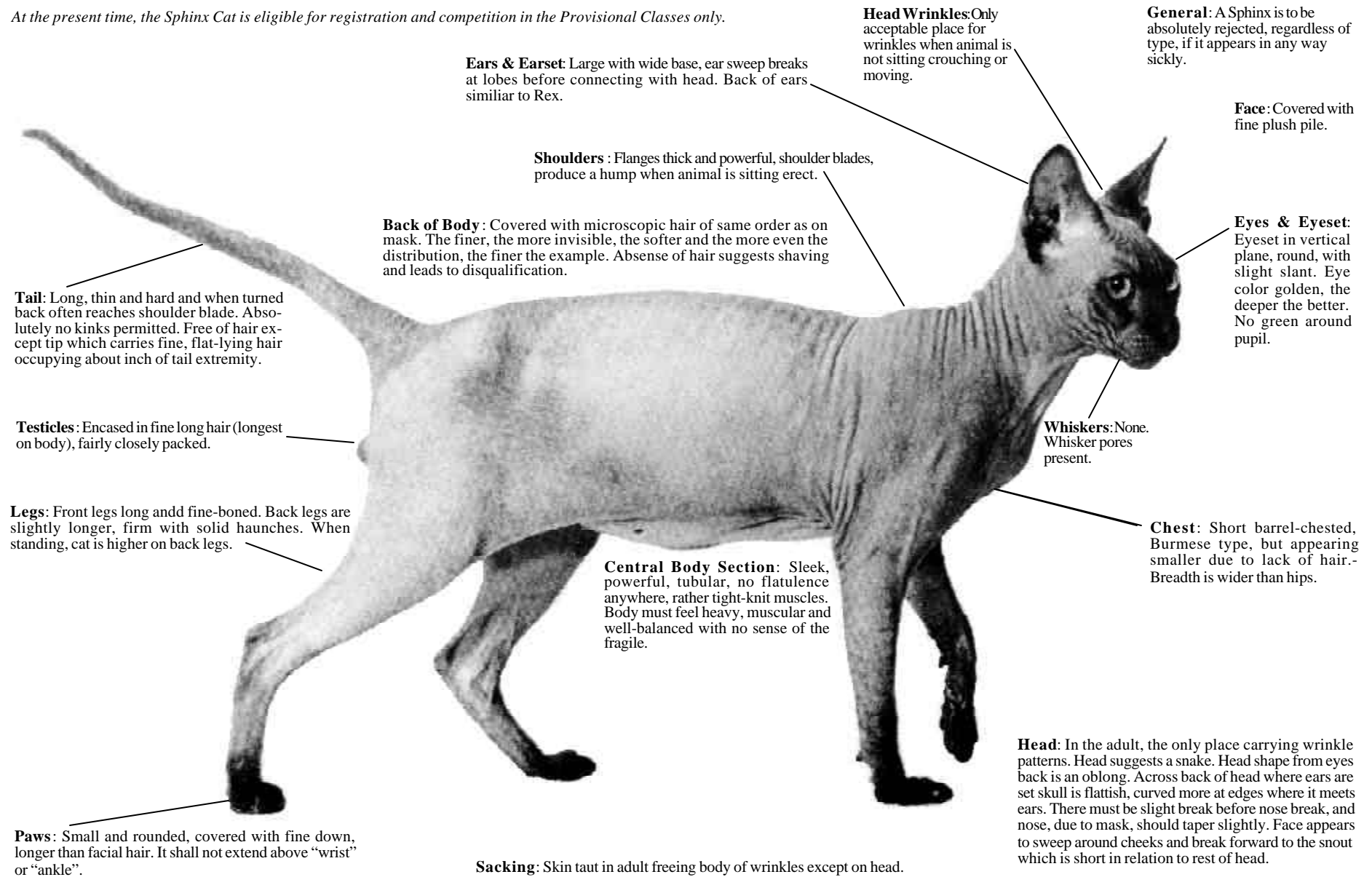


## THE SPHINX CAT (HAIRLESS)

The Sphinx is considered one of the best-dispositioned of all cat breeds. His striking appearance and excellent temperament should have appeal to anyone looking for the unusual in a pet cat.

At the present time, the Sphinx Cat is eligible for registration and competition in the Provisional Classes only.



**Head Wrinkles:** Only acceptable place for wrinkles when animal is not sitting crouching or moving.

**General:** A Sphinx is to be absolutely rejected, regardless of type, if it appears in any way sickly.

**Face:** Covered with fine plush pile.

**Ears & Earset:** Large with wide base, ear sweep breaks at lobes before connecting with head. Back of ears similar to Rex.

**Shoulders:** Flanges thick and powerful, shoulder blades, produce a hump when animal is sitting erect.

**Back of Body:** Covered with microscopic hair of same order as on mask. The finer, the more invisible, the softer and the more even the distribution, the finer the example. Absence of hair suggests shaving and leads to disqualification.

**Eyes & Eyeset:** Eyeset in vertical plane, round, with slight slant. Eye color golden, the deeper the better. No green around pupil.

**Tail:** Long, thin and hard and when turned back often reaches shoulder blade. Absolutely no kinks permitted. Free of hair except tip which carries fine, flat-lying hair occupying about inch of tail extremity.

**Testicles:** Encased in fine long hair (longest on body), fairly closely packed.

**Legs:** Front legs long and fine-boned. Back legs are slightly longer, firm with solid haunches. When standing, cat is higher on back legs.

**Whiskers:** None. Whisker pores present.

**Central Body Section:** Sleek, powerful, tubular, no flatulence anywhere, rather tight-knit muscles. Body must feel heavy, muscular and well-balanced with no sense of the fragile.

**Chest:** Short barrel-chested, Burmese type, but appearing smaller due to lack of hair.- Breadth is wider than hips.

**Paws:** Small and rounded, covered with fine down, longer than facial hair. It shall not extend above "wrist" or "ankle".

**Head:** In the adult, the only place carrying wrinkle patterns. Head suggests a snake. Head shape from eyes back is an oblong. Across back of head where ears are set skull is flattish, curved more at edges where it meets ears. There must be slight break before nose break, and nose, due to mask, should taper slightly. Face appears to sweep around cheeks and break forward to the snout which is short in relation to rest of head.

**Sacking:** Skin taut in adult freeing body of wrinkles except on head.

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