

1. Proposed Change: Shape

Current:

Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, slightly rounded forehead (not domed), appearance of flat plane in area between ears, skull medium in size.

Proposed:

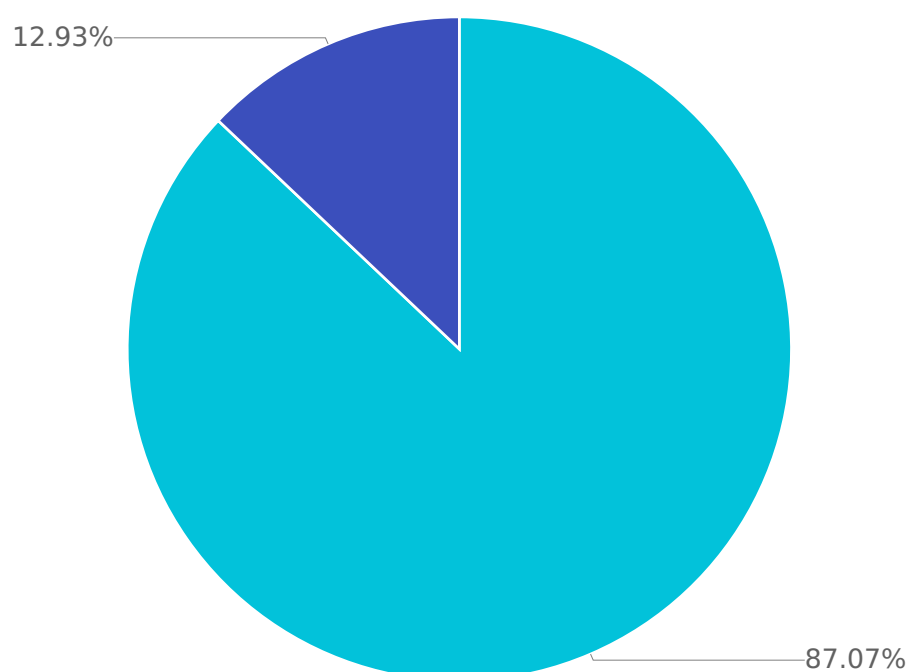
Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, with the appearance of a flat plane in area between ears when looking at the head from the front, skull medium in size.

Rationale:

The TICA Guidelines for Standards writes that head shape should be described as seen from head-on, not in profile. The words “slightly rounded forehead (not domed)” belong in the profile description, as they cannot be seen from head-on.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 348 Skipped: 24



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	87.07%	303
No	12.93%	45

2. Proposed Change: Eyes

Current:

Blue, large, oval, moderately wide-set, outer aperture to fall in line with base of ear.

Proposed:

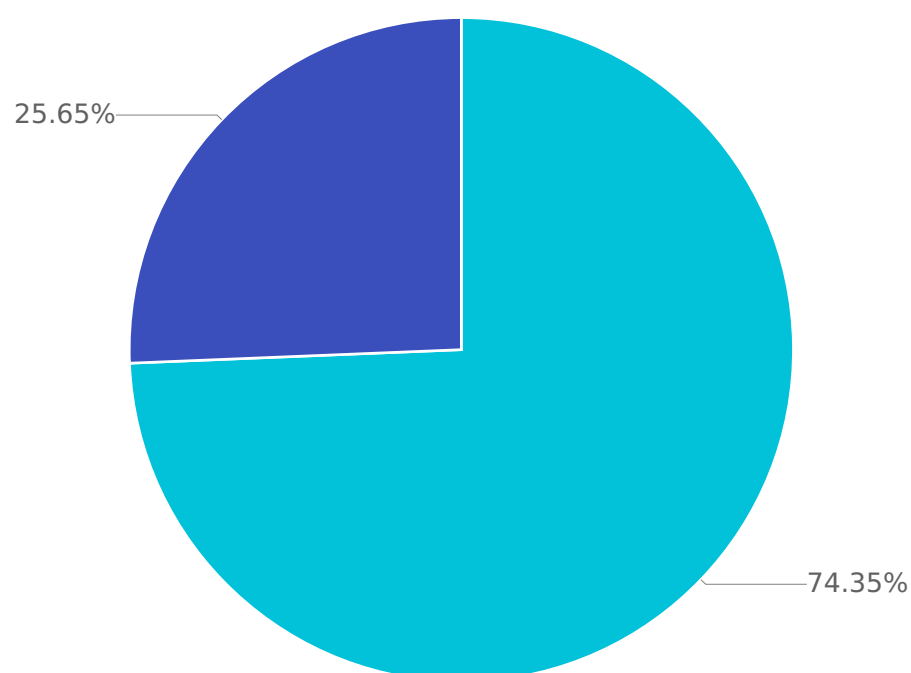
Blue, deeper color preferred. Large oval. Level set; moderately wide apart. Emphasis should be on correct shape, size and placement.

Rationale:

We would like to add the description “deeper preferred” to correspond to the UCD and make our standard more specific as to what our ideal is. However, we would also like to emphasize that correct shape, size and placement are more important overall than color. The breed committee would like to remove the "outer aperture to fall in line with base of the ear" because after testing it through many photos and examples, we feel it is inaccurate and difficult to understand. “Level set” means “not set at a slant”. This is the wording suggested to us by the Genetics Committee.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 347 Skipped: 25



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	74.35%	258
No	25.65%	89

3. Proposed Change: Chin

Current:

Well-developed.

Proposed:

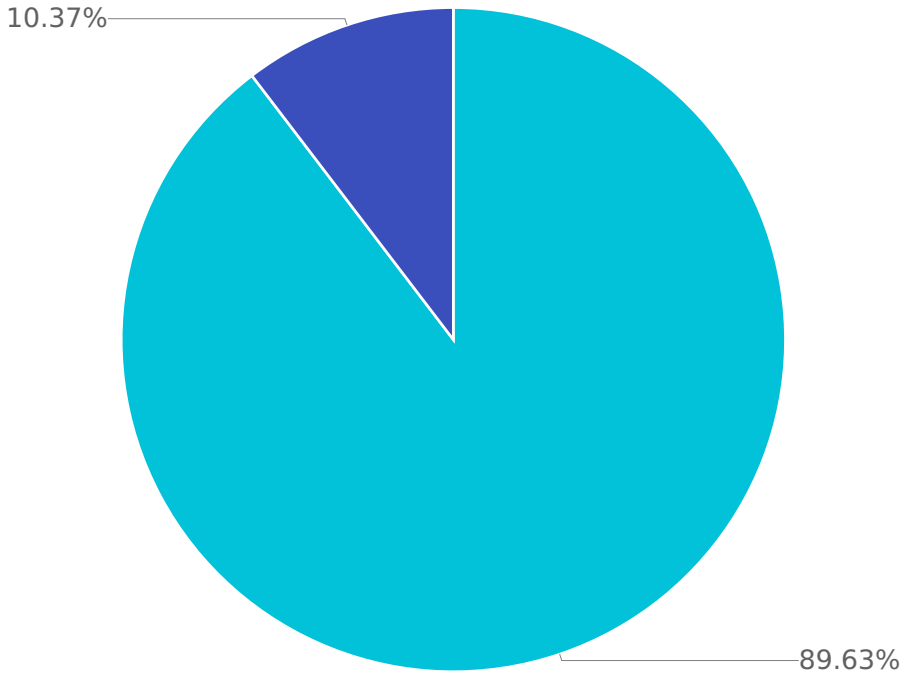
well-developed, with good depth, forming a perpendicular line with the upper lip and tip of the nose.

Rationale:

We feel this wording is clearer in its description of the chin we want to see on a Ragdoll.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 347 Skipped: 25



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	89.63%	311
No	10.37%	36

4. Proposed Change: Profile

Current:

Chin well-developed in line with nose. Straight nose to bridge followed by change of direction to gentle curve to brow. Appearance of flat plane between ears.

Proposed:

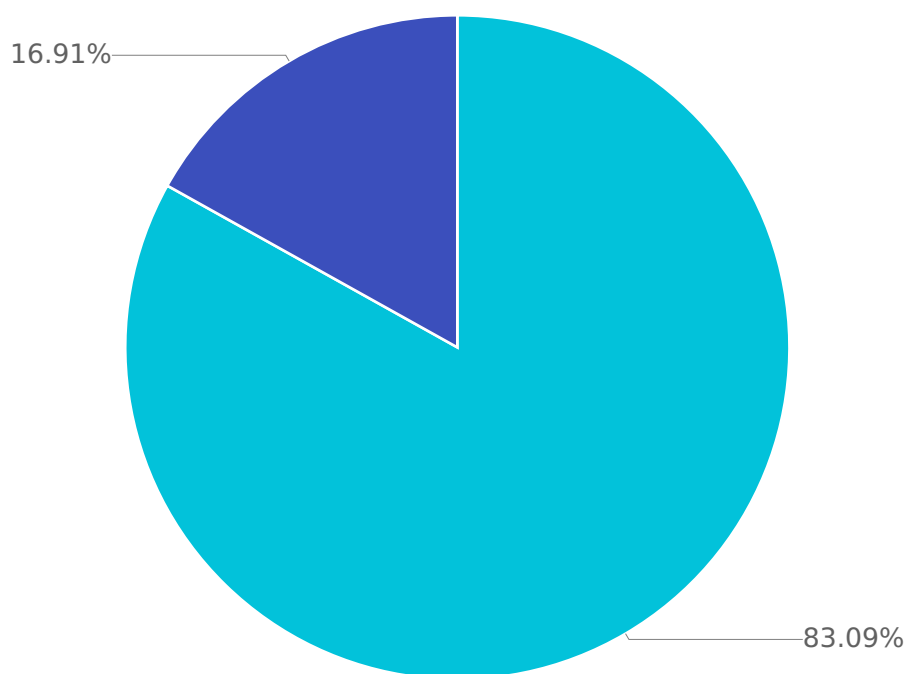
Straight nose to bridge, followed by a concave curve to the brow. Convex curve to the forehead. Appearance of a flat plane between the ears.

Rationale:

Remove chin description, because it is already covered in the section "chin", no need to have it twice. Replacing "change of direction" with "concave curve" because a poll of TICA judges confirmed unanimously that it is a more accurate description. Also, the Ragdoll breed standards of WCF, CFA, LOOF and FIFe also use "curve", not one uses "change of direction". Promotes consistency among standards of varying associations. Adding "convex curve to the forehead" to clarify that the forehead is not flat, only the top of the head between the ears has the appearance of a flat plane.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 349 Skipped: 23



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	83.09%	290
No	16.91%	59

5. Proposed Change: Length

Current:

Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations.

Proposed:

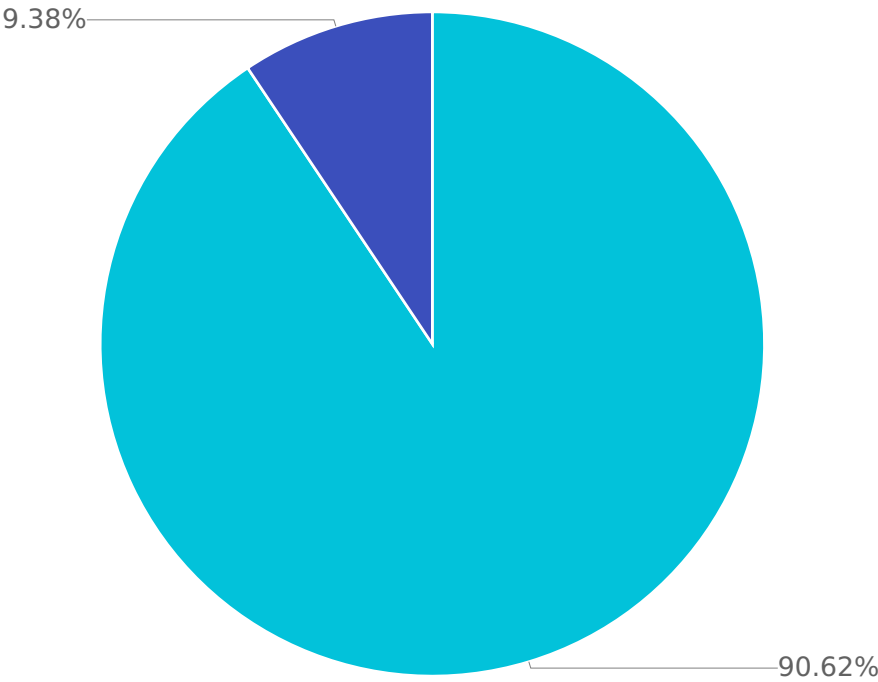
Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations. Correct coat texture is more important than coat length.

Rationale:

Correct coat texture is essential to keeping the Ragdoll coat low maintenance and non-matting. It should be given more consideration than the overall length of the coat.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 341 Skipped: 31



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	90.62%	309
No	9.38%	32

6. Proposed Change: Texture

Current:

Silky soft, plush. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body, but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

Proposed:

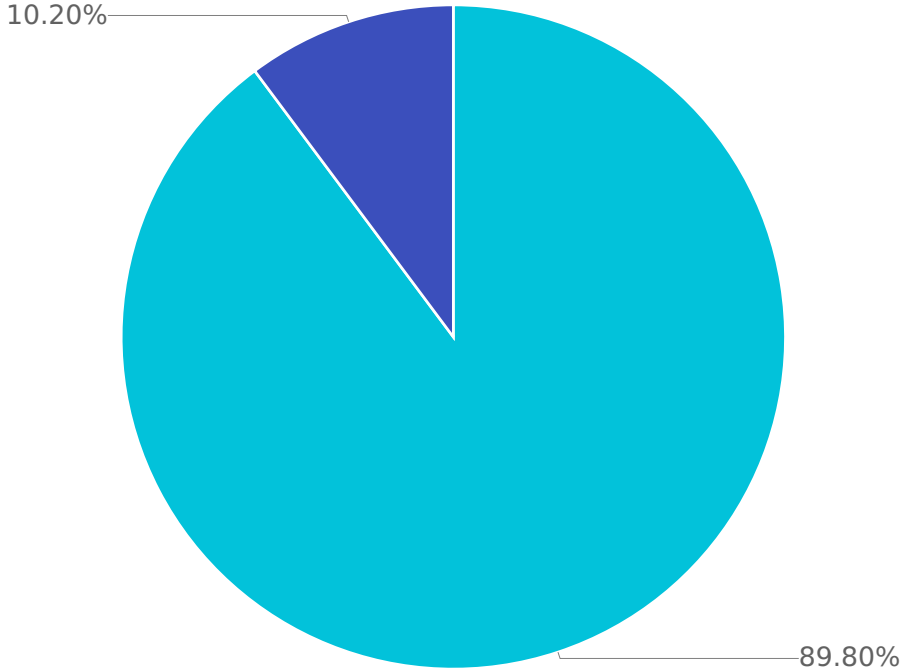
Silky soft. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body, but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

Rationale:

After asking judges at a RD breed seminar what they thought of our coat description, they agreed that the word "plush" should be removed, as this word is used in the British Shorthair/British Longhair standard to describe their coat, and is not a correct descriptor for our breed.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 343 Skipped: 29



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	89.80%	308
No	10.20%	35

7. Proposed Change: Bicolor Pattern

Current:

Feet and Legs: All white preferred. Small spots of point color allowable.
Paw Pads: Pink preferred, but mixture of color on paw pads acceptable because of two colors in pattern.

Proposed:

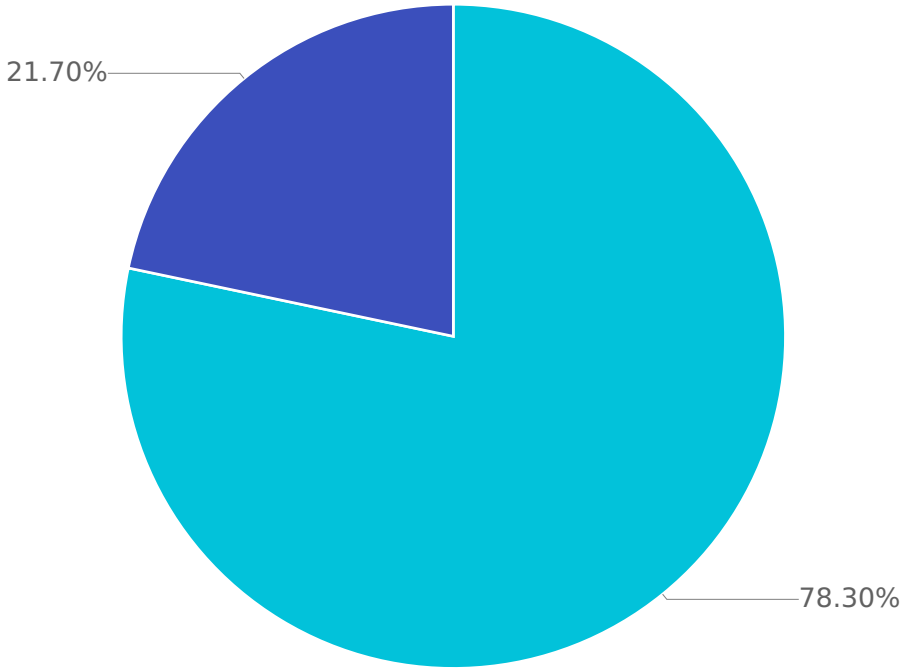
Feet and Legs: All white preferred.
Paw Pads: Pink preferred.

Rationale:

The pattern description should clearly describe the ideal pattern. Any allowances for less than perfect should be in the allowances section. Also, the current wording allows for spots of point color on the feet, legs, and paw pads on a bicolor only. If allowances are to be made, they should be for both the mitted and bicolor patterns.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 341 Skipped: 31



● Yes ● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	78.30%	267
No	21.70%	74

8. Proposed Change: General Description

Current:

The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue eyed pointed cat with a sweet personality. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

Proposed:

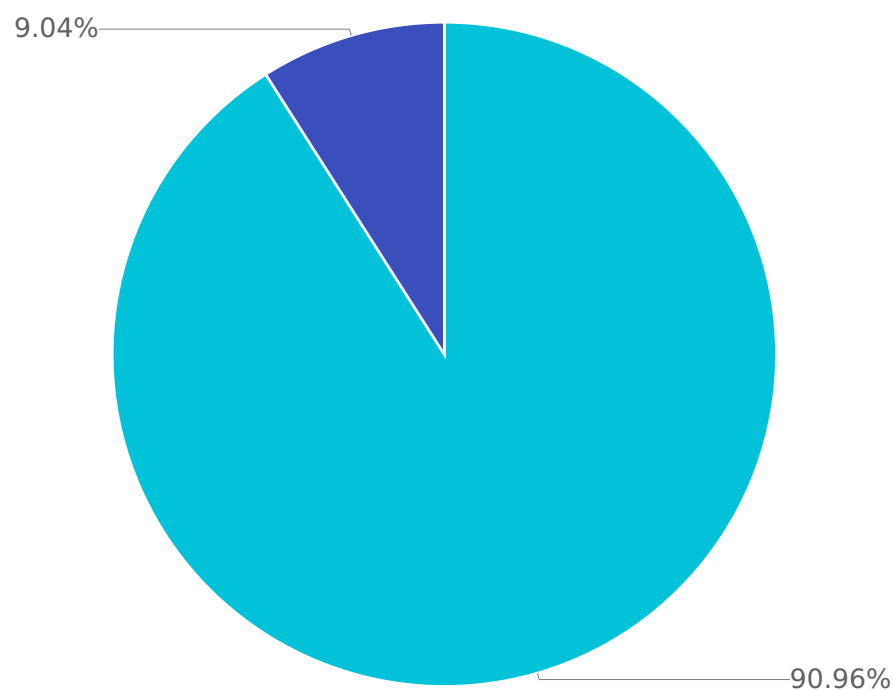
The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue-eyed, pointed cat with a sweet personality. They are a well-balanced cat of moderate type, with no extremes, and no one feature overpowering another. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

Rationale:

We are currently seeing a trend to more extreme types in our breed, and we feel it is important to emphasize that the Ragdoll is and should stay a breed with moderate type and no extremes. Also, overall balance is an important feature that should not be overlooked.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 40



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	90.96%	302
No	9.04%	30

9. Proposed Change: Allowances

Current:

Seasonal changes in coat length.

Proposed:

General:

Seasonal changes in coat length, shorter coats on unaltered adults and kittens. Females may be smaller than males.

Mitted and Bicolor Patterns only:

Feet and Legs: Small spots of point color in designated white areas

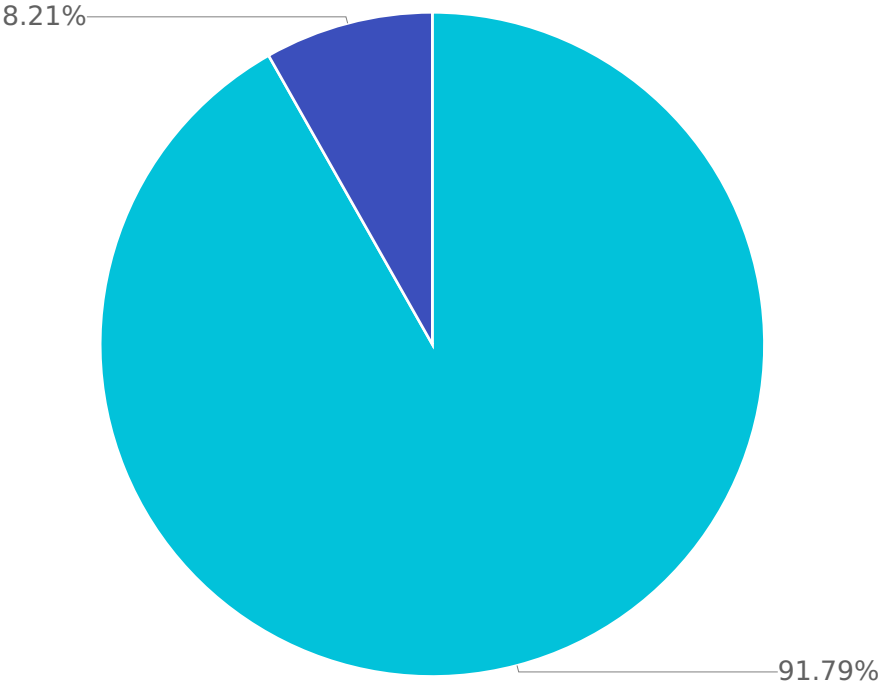
Paw Pads: Spots of point color on paw pads or colored paw pads

Rationale:

Adding allowances already mentioned in the current standard in other sections (i.e. under COAT and TORSO). These allowances should be made specifically here in the allowances section as well. The current standard also makes allowances for small spots of point color and colored paw pads, but in the incorrect section in the standard, and only for the bicolor pattern. This change should help clarify things, as well as treat both mitted and bicolor patterns equally.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 329 Skipped: 43



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	91.79%	302
No	8.21%	27

10. Proposed Change: Penalize

General:

Current:

Short tail, pointed ears, short legs; cobby body, round eyes, Roman nose, straight profile, wooly/cottony coat texture.

Proposed:

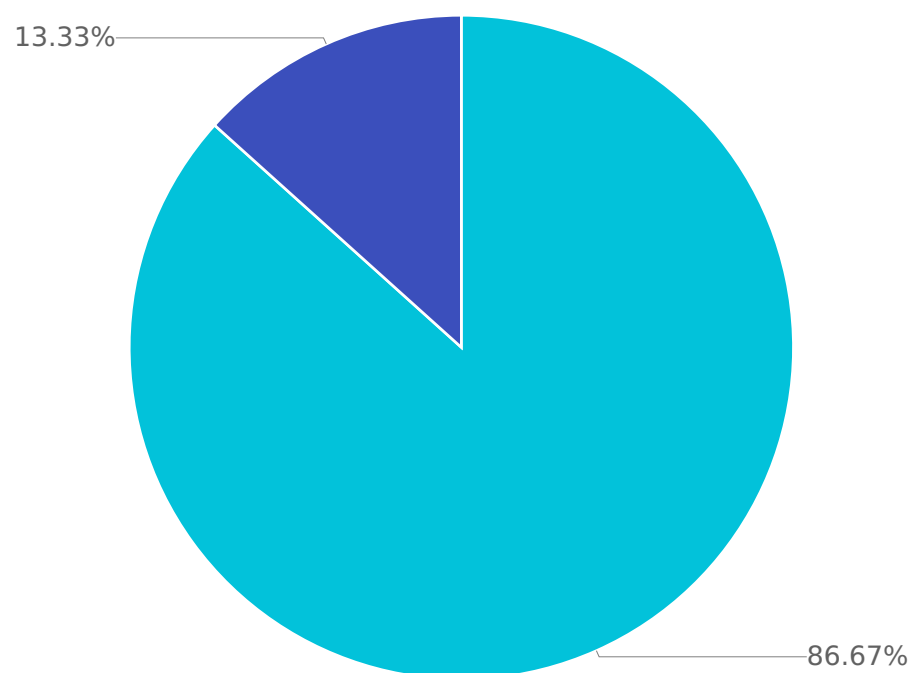
Very small ears, any eye shape other than oval, Roman nose, straight profile, cobby body, short legs, short tail, wooly/cottony coat texture.

Rationale:

Putting penalties in more logical order according to the standard (head, body, coat). Addition of very small ears and eye shape other than oval (instead of just round eyes). Removal of "pointed ears".

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 330 Skipped: 42



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	86.67%	286
No	13.33%	44

11. Proposed Change: Withhold All Awards (WW)

Current:

- General:** Crossed eyes, any eye color other than blue.
- Pointed:** Any white.
- Mitted:** Lack of white chin.
- Bicolor:** Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.

Proposed:

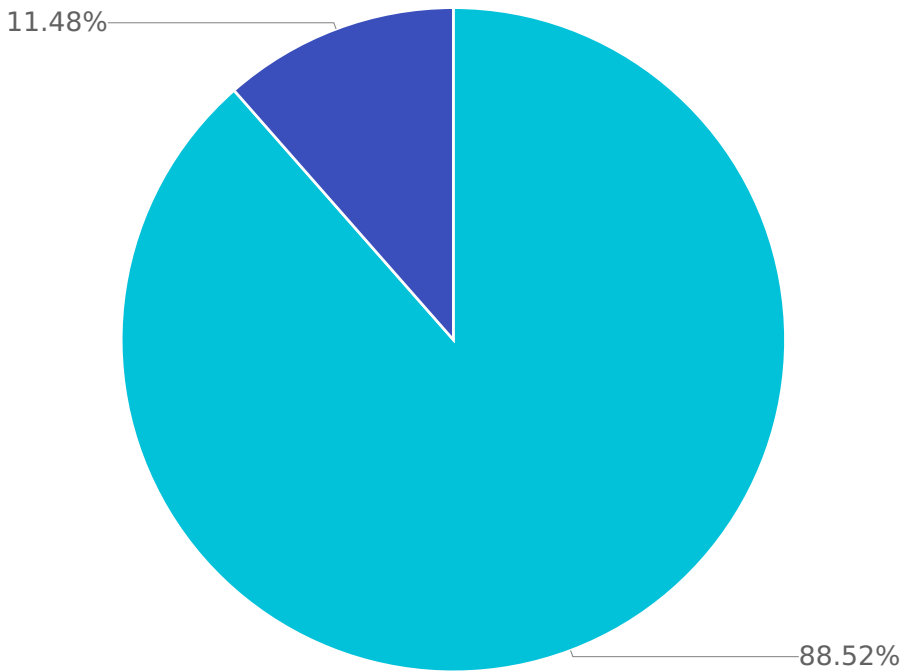
- General:** Any eye color other than blue. Doming.
- Pointed:** Any white.
- Mitted:** Lack of white chin.
- Bicolor:** Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.

Rationale:

Move crossed eyes to DQ to be more in keeping with the rules. Add doming as it is considered a serious fault.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 331 Skipped: 41



● Yes ● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	88.52%	293
No	11.48%	38

12. Proposed Change: Disqualify (DQ)

Current:

None.

Proposed:

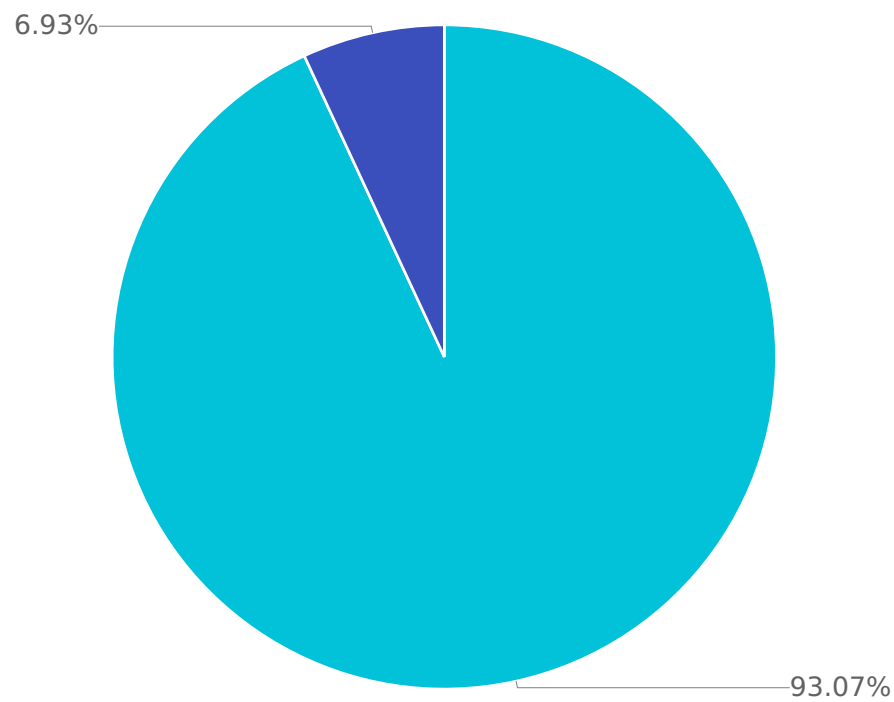
DQ: Crossed eyes, visible or severe tail faults, severe cow hocks.

Rationale:

The rules already state that a judge must penalize or DQ (depending on severity) these faults at their discretion. Adding them to our standard as a DQ would help ensure the health and soundness of our breed by explicitly telling the judges, we do not want severe faults being rewarded in the show ring.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 40



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	93.07%	309
No	6.93%	23