



Judges Guide to Handling Siamese, Oriental & Balinese Cats

Do not overstretch to assess length. They are not elastic bands! It is unnecessary and extremely uncomfortable and can also make sternums 'pop out' if care is not taken.

The breed is naturally long bodied, and the body needs to be firmly supported so the cat feel comfortable at all times. Lift the hind legs while supporting the torso with the other. Do not cross the legs over.

Siamese, Oriental & Balinese cats have an Oriental eye shape and naturally slant towards the nose, do not feel the lids to open the eyes or attempt to open the eyes with your fingers to see eye colour. Let the cat relax back in the pen and observe eye shape and colour when relaxed.

The cat's wellbeing should be considered when handling; it may be necessary to adjust the holding position where the cat is held for longer durations, for example during Best in Show.

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