

CORNISH REX

Standard of Excellence

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Cornish Rex is a curly coated, fine-boned cat that stands high on its legs. It has a distinctive arched back, deep rib cage and "tuck up" resembling a greyhound. The Cornish Rex has a hard muscular body that is warm to the touch. All contours of the Cornish Rex are gently curved. The coat quality, texture, waviness, as well as the distinctive body type, are of prime importance.

Head	Medium and egg-shaped in profile. Head length about one-third greater than the maximum width, narrowing slightly to a strong chin. Profile consists of a curve comprised of two convex arcs. The forehead is rounded; the nose break smooth and mild, and the Roman nose has a high prominent bridge.
Ears	Large, erect and alert, set high on head, wide at base, tapering to rounded tips and well covered with fine fur.
Eyes	Oval shaped, medium in size, colour in keeping with coat colour or, except in the case of Si-Rex, chartreuse green or yellow.
Body and Legs	Body hard and muscular, slender and of medium length. Legs long and straight, giving an overall appearance of being high on the legs. Paws small and oval.
Body Shape	Long, with a full and deep rib cage. Trunk follows upward curve of backbone forming a "tuck-up" with rounded hips that are somewhat heavy in proportion to rest of body. Small to medium in size, males proportionately larger.
Tail	Long, fine and tapering, well covered with curly fur.
Coat	Short, extremely soft, silky, and completely free of guard hairs. Relatively dense. A tight, uniform Marcel wave, lying close to the body and extending from the top of the head across the back, sides, and hips continuing to the tip of the tail. Size and depth of wave may vary. The fur on the underside of the chin and on the chest and abdomen is short and noticeably wavy.
Colours	All coat colours and patterns acceptable.
Faults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaggy or too short a coat. • Bare patches to be considered a fault in kittens, and a serious fault in cats. • British head type, or too long a wedge. • Small ears. • Cobby body. • Lack of firm muscles. • Short or bare tail.

SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head, incl. Ears, Eyes, Whiskers & Eyebrows	35
Body, Legs and Tail	25
Coat	40

RECOGNISED COLOUR VARIETIES

All Colours and patterns acceptable.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES None.