

## MUNCHKIN Shorthair & Longhair

### Standard of Excellence

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Munchkin's distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation that has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats.

The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled.

Head	Shape	Broad modified wedge with rounded contours.
	Size	Medium, in proportion to body.
	Profile	Slight stop.
	Forehead	Flat.
	Muzzle Length	Medium.
	Top of Head	Slightly rounded.
	Nose	Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable.
	Cheek bones	High and moderately pronounced.
	Chin	Firm, but not unusually prominent.
	Miscellaneous	Stud jowls in males. Heads on males may appear broader.
Ears	Shape	Broader at base, ending in slightly rounded tips.
	Size	Medium to medium large (in proportion with head).
	Placement	As much on top of the head as on the sides; not flaring; alert.
	Furnishings	Long hair acceptable.
Eyes	Shape	Walnut.
	Size	Medium large.
	Placement	Rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression.
	Aperture	Slight angle toward the base of the ears.
	Colour	No relationship between coat and eye colour. Deeper, more vivid colours preferred.

Neck	Length	Medium in length.
	Shape	Thick.
	Muscle	Firmly muscled.
	Miscellaneous	Not extremely long nor overly short and thick.
Body	Body Type	Thick semi-foreign body.
	Size	Medium.
	Length	Medium-long.
	Back	Slight rise from the shoulders to tail as the back legs are slightly longer than front legs.
	Boning	Medium.
	Musculature	Medium to substantial.
	Chest	Well-rounded.
	Hips	Firm.
	Females	May be smaller than males.
Tail	Shape	Medium thickness, tapering to a rounded tip.
	Length	In proportion to body.
	Miscellaneous	Carried erect when in motion.
Legs	Fore-Legs	Upper and lower forelegs equal in length.
	Hind-Legs	Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Slightly longer than front legs.
	Length	Short.
	Boning	Medium, may feel slightly heavier.
	Miscellaneous	Very slight bowing, in front legs, allowed.
Feet	Shape	Round, compact.
	Size	Medium (females), medium large (males).

Coat Shorthair	Length	Medium. Solids may have a less dense coat.
	Texture	Plush, all-weather, resilient.
	Undercoat	Medium.
	Miscellaneous	Lustrous appearance.
Coat Longhair	Length	Semi-long.
	Texture	Silky.
	Density	Moderate.
	Undercoat	Medium.
	Ruff	Slight to moderate ruff permissible.
	Britches	Shaggy.
	Tail	Full plume.

Allowances	White lockets or buttons are undesirable. Penalty but not disqualify.
Faults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cow hocking.</li> <li>• Excessive bowing.</li> <li>• Protruding sternum.</li> <li>• Foreign type.</li> <li>• Snub or excessively long nose.</li> </ul>
Withhold All Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sway back.</li> </ul>

### SCALE OF POINTS SH & LH

Total	100 points
Head incl. Shape, Ears, Eyes & Set	25
Body, incl. Neck, Torso, Tail & Condition	25
Legs	25
Coat - 10. Colour & Markings – 15	25

RECOGNISED COLOURS: All Colours acceptable.

### ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Departure for Generational advancement.

NZ Shorthair or NZ Longhair.

Munchkin Variant. (Long legs).

Gen 2 Experimental Breeds until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Gen 1 Experimental Breed to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Napoleon (Gen 1 only) to produce Gen 2 Munchkin only.