

## SKOOKUM Shorthair & Longhair Standard of Excellence

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The original Skookum was the result of an accidental breeding between a Munchkin and a LaPerm. Later, breedings were done to see if a consistent coat, leg and body type could be obtained. The Skookum's distinctive short legs are the result of the Munchkin's autosomal dominant gene mutation which has occurred several times in the domestic cats. The curly hair is the product of breeding to cats possessing the dominant LaPerm curly hair gene with the Munchkin. The Skookum exhibits shortening and mild bowing of the long bones. The spine and pelvis are unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. Skookums are outgoing and respond well to being handled.

Head	Shape	Modified wedge with rounded contours. There should be a smooth continuation from the forehead and over top of the head.
	Size	Medium, in proportion to body.
	Profile	Straight nose with gentle convex curve rising from the base of the eye to the top of the eye. The brow, cheeks and profile should show gentle contours, with each flowing smoothly into the next.
	Forehead	Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing down into neck.
	Muzzle Length	Medium long.
	Top of Head	Slightly rounded.
	Nose	Broad and straight with moderate length.
	Cheek bones	High and moderately pronounced.
	Chin	Strong and firm. Is in a perpendicular line with tip of nose .
	Miscellaneous	Stud jowls in males. Heads on males may appear broader.
Ears	Shape	Slightly flared and cupped.
	Size	Medium to large with furnishings and earmuffs.
	Placement	Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head.
	Furnishings	Long hair acceptable. Lynx tipping is desired.
Eyes	Shape	Almond shaped at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted to the bottom of the outside ear base.
	Size	Medium large.
	Placement	Rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression.
	Aperture	Slight angle toward the base of the ears.

Eyes (Cont.)	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	The coat is slightly coarse to medium soft in texture and moderate density, neither coarse nor downy.
		Each coat may vary in tightness of curl and fullness. Fullness of the coat may be affected by the season, sex of the cat and the maturity, but the fullness of the curl of the coat should be consistent over the torso.
		The curl is a loose wave to a curl. The short hair curly coat will usually feel coarser than the long hair curly coat.
		It is preferred that the coat have a part down the middle of the back.
		Ear furnishings and whiskers may also be curly. The tail should present a wave or curl. Females often have a looser curl than males.
Coat	Longhair	The coat should be of moderately soft texture and of moderate density, neither coarse, nor downy.
		Each coat may vary in length and fullness. Fullness of the coat may be affected by the season, sex of the cat and maturity, but should be consistent over most of the body.
		Length of the coat may be medium to long.
		Females often have a looser curl than the males. The curl may be a frizzy wave to ringlets.
		Often the hair is less curly down the middle of the back and the curl is more intense on the underside and neck.
		Ear furnishings and whiskers may also be curly. The tail should present a curl and be plumed.

Allowances	White lockets or buttons are undesirable. Penalise but do 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> <li>• Lack of ear furnishings (Longhair)</li> <li>• Lack of, or short whiskers. Allowances for kittens.</li> </ul>
Withhold All Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sway back.</li> <li>• Straight coat</li> </ul>

### SCALE OF POINTS

Total			100
Head	Shape	10	20
	Ears	5	
	Eyes	5	
Body	Torso	10	40
	Legs & Feet	20	
	Proportion	10	
Coat		20	
	Colour & markings	5	
	Condition & balance	15	40

Condition & Balance	Hard and well muscled without excessive obesity or emaciation. Eyes bright and clean. Coat with a healthy sheen. An overall appearance of health and vitality. Disproportionately short legs, but otherwise well balanced in appearance.
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RECOGNISED COLOURS: All Colours acceptable.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Departure for Generational Advancement.

Skookum or Skookum Variant.

NZ Shorthair or NZ Longhair.

Munchkin or Munchkin Variant.

Outcrosses to be reviewed 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.