



AMERICAN WIREHAIR

The American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation of the American Shorthair. The only difference is the stiff, wiry coat. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced, and symmetrical breed. Females may be less massive in all respects and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Ranges from medium to large. Slightly longer than overall height, Solidly built, powerful and muscular with well-developed shoulders, chest and hindquarters. Broad, straight level back.

(5) NECK – Medium, muscular and strong.

(5) LEGS AND FEET – Medium in length, medium boned. Straight legs. Paws firm, full and rounded with heavy pads.

(5) TAIL – Length: when measured along the body the tip reaches the shoulder blades. Thick at base tapering to blunt end.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Large with full cheeks. Slightly longer than wide. Sweet open expression. Muzzle squared. Strong jaw. When viewed from front, there is no dome between ears.

(10) PROFILE – Nose medium length. Gentle concave curve from bridge of nose of forehead.

(5) EARS – Medium in size slightly rounded at tips and not unduly opened at base. Set on corner of square.

(5) EYES – Large, wide set with width of one eye between the eyes. Set oblique. Shape : almond on top, round on bottom. Bright, clear and alert.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (20)

Springy, tight and medium in length, individual hairs crimped, hooked or bent, including hair in ears. Overall appearance of wiry, coarse and resilience is more important than crimping of each hair. Density of wired coat leads to ringlets rather than waves. Coat is dense, resilient, crimped and coarse. Curly whiskers.

IV – COLOUR (10)

(5) COAT COLOUR – All colour and pattern are accepted. The deeper and vibrant the colour, the better.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from copper to green (except blue or odd eyed in whites). Eye colour does not relate to coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular giving a general appearance of power and robustness.

OBJECTIONS

Long or fluffy coat
Too cobby
Very short tail
Obesity or emaciation

DEDUCT

5-10
3-5
2-3
1-3

WITHHOLDS

Lack of stiffness or wiriness
Deep nose break
Bulging eye set
Brow ridge
Any features so exaggerated as to foster weakness
All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All colour and pattern are accepted.

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BREED ORIGIN: Natural

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: F1 allowed if crossed with American Shorthair

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: F2 allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: American Wirehair, American Shorthair

ALLOWED MATINGS: American Wirehair, American Shorthair