



# BRITISH

LONGHAIRS AND SHORTHAIRES ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.

The British breed is broad shouldered, muscular and powerful. It shows good depth of body with solid weight and strong, short legs. Paws are firm and rounded. The Head is broad and round set on a short, solid neck. Medium rounded ears set far apart on the head with cheeks that are full and contribute to the round appearance of the head. The eyes are large and round giving a wide-awake appearance.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(25) BODY – Cobby with level back. Broad, deep chest. Equally massive across shoulders and hips, medium to large in size, but not rangy.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Low on legs which are strong and well proportioned. Paws are round and firm.

(5) TAIL – Thick at base with a rounded tip. Medium in length and in proportion with the body.

## II – HEAD (30)

(15) HEAD – Round face with full cheeks. Good breadth of the skull with round underlying bone structure. Head to be on a short, thick neck. A rounded forehead leads to a short, broad and straight nose. The nose break is neither too pronounced nor too shallow. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane.

(5) EARS – Medium with rounded tips. Set far apart and fits into, without distorting, the rounded contours of the head. Inner ear perpendicular to the eye.

(10) EYES – Large, round and well opened, with no tendency to oriental shape. Set wide apart. Eye colour is to conform to the requirements listed in coat colour description.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

SHORTHAIR – The coat is short, dense, crisp and resilient.

LONGTHAIR – The coat is medium long, smooth and very dense, with sufficient undercoat. It shall be crisp and not lying flat, it shall stand off from the body. The hair will not be too long and not be flowing. A ruff and “knickerbockers” are desirable. The tail shall be bushy, well furnished and full to emphasize the cat’s beauty. The texture is rather rough, crisp, but softer than that in British Shorthair. The coat texture may be different to touch from one colour to the other.

## IV – COLOUR (20)

Solid coloured cats are eligible for 20 points on colour alone. Non-solid coloured (patterned) cats are eligible for 10 points for colour and 10 points for pattern. Shadow tabby markings on solid coloured kittens are not a fault.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular with no indication of fat. Alert appearance.

## OBJECTIONS

Weak chin 1-3  
Rangy body 2-5

## WITHHOLDS

Pronounced nose stop, flat face or snub nose.  
All grounds for withholding award as listed in the general preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours and Patterns List for complete list.

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**BREED ORIGIN:** Established

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** No foundation allowed

**SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:** No foundation allowed

**ALLOWED ANCESTRY:** British

**ALLOWED MATINGS:** British

## DEDUCT

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