



HIGHLAND

HIGHLAND FOLD AND STRAIGHT ARE JUDGED AS SEPARATE BREEDS. HIGHLAND STRAIGHT IS A CONSTITUTANT CROSSING.

The highland was developed following the introduction of the long hair gene in Scottish.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(20) BODY - The body is medium, rounded and even from the shoulder to the pelvic girdle. The cat stands firm with a well-padded body. There must be no hint of thickness or lack of mobility in the cat due to short, coarse legs. The toes must be well rounded. The overall appearance is that of a well founded cat of medium boning.

(10) TAIL - The tail is medium to long but is in proportion with the body. The tail to be FLEXIBLE and tapering. A long, tapering tail is preferred.

II – HEAD (40)

(10) FACE - The face is well rounded with a firm chin and jaw. The muzzle has well rounded whisker pads. The head blends into a short neck. Males have prominent cheeks which gives a jowly appearance.

(5) PROFILE - The nose is short with a gentle inward curve. A brief stop is permitted but a definite nose break is considered a fault. The profile is moderate in appearance.

(15) EARS (FOLDED) - Ears fold forward and downward. Small, tightly folded ears are preferred over loosely folded, larger ears. The ears are set in a cap-like fashion so as to expose a rounded cranium. Ear tips are rounded.

(15) EARS (STRAIGHT) - Medium to small, set low on the head. Ear tips are rounded.

(10) EYES - Eyes are wide open giving a sweet expression. They are large, well rounded and separated by a broad nose.

III – COAT/LENGTH (10)

Medium-long hair. Full coat on face and body desirable, but short hair permissible on face and legs. Britches, tail plume, toe tufts and ear furnishings should be clearly visible with a ruff being desirable.

IV – COLOUR (15)

(10) COAT COLOUR - The points for colour to be distributed as follows: 5 points for colour and 5 points for lustre and body.

(5) EYE COLOUR - Preference is given for brilliance, depth and evenness of colour. Eye colour is to correspond with coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

The appearance of an alert healthy cat is essential. Excellence in one aspect does not offset deficiency in another. The balanced cat will show harmony of lines.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
Delicate boning	3 - 5
Eyes too small	3 - 5
Eyes lacking roundness, or set too close together	3 - 5
Large ears	3 - 5
Ears set too high on the head	3 - 5
Definite nose break	3 - 5
Cottony coat in longhairs (except in kittens)	3 - 5

WITHHOLDS

- Abnormally short tail.
- Tail lacking in flexibility due to fused or abnormally thick vertebrae.
- Short, coarse legs due to abnormal calcium deposits between the knees and heels.
- Unusually large feet due to extra cartilage in toes.
- All grounds for withholding awards listed in General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours and Patterns appendix for complete list.

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- BREED ORIGIN:** Hybrid
- REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** F1 allowed
- SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:** F1 allowed
- ALLOWED ANCESTRY:** Highland, Scottish and British
- ALLOWED MATINGS:** Highland, Scottish, and British.
- ATTENTION :** Breeding of two fold together is not permitted.

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NOTE: Highland kittens which develop 'temporarily' folded ears at an early age (3 to 4 weeks of age) but straighten as they mature must be registered as Scottish or Highland FOLDS since the kittens carry the gene responsible for folding ears.

Kittens from matings out of Highland (whatever the breed of the other parent) will be registered as Scottish or Highland.