

# EXOTIC

## LONGHAIRS AND SHORTHAIRES ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.

The Exotic Shorthair displays all the attributes of the Persian except the lack of a long flowing coat. The Exotic Longhair displays all the attributes of the Persian. Exotics were developed by crossing Persians with American Shorthairs. Like the Persian, the Exotic has a compact, short-legged build with a short, pushed in face. From the American Shorthair the Exotic Shorthair gained the shorter coat, which is, however, much thicker and somewhat longer than that of other shorthair breeds.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (20)

(5) **SHAPE** – Cobby body type. Exotics are low on the legs, deep in chest, equally massive across the shoulder and rump, with a short well rounded thorax and abdomen.

(5) **SIZE** – Medium to large in size. Quality is to be considered over size.

(5) **LEGS** – Legs are short, thick and strong. Straight forelegs. Paws are large, round and firm. Toes are carried close.

(5) **TAIL** – Tail is short, but in proportion with body length.

## II – HEAD TYPE (40)

(5) **SKULL** – The skull is round and massive with great breadth. The face is round with round underlying bone structure. The skull is well set on a short neck. **The doming or forehead should be smooth to the feel with no lumps and have a rounded appearance from the side. Smoothness of the forehead/doming is paramount.**

(5) **PROFILE** – From the side, the face should appear flat with neither the nose nor muzzle being prominent. Nose should not be indented inward past the vertical plane. Forehead should round outwards and not have a flat plain. Eyes should not bulge unduly past the vertical plain.

(5) **NOSE** – Short, snub and broad nose with a decided break between the eyes.

(5) **CHEEKS** – Cheeks are full.

(5) **JAWS** – Jaws are broad and powerful.

(5) **CHIN** – Chin is full and well developed.

(5) **EARS** – Ears are small, round tipped, tilted forward and not unduly open at the base. Ears are set far apart and low on the head. They fit into the rounded contour of the head.

(5) **EYES** – Eyes are large, round and full. They are set far apart and appear brilliant. Eyes are alert and sweet. Eye colour is to conform with coat colour. Preference is given to depth, brilliance and evenness of eye colour.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (20)

**SHORTHAIRES:** Coat is dense, plush, soft in texture, full of life and stands out from the body due to the density. Coat is not flat or close lying. It is medium length, slightly longer than in other short haired cats, but not long enough to flow. **Fur on the tail should not lie flat and should stand away from the tailbone resembling a bottle brush in appearance.**

**LONGHAIR:** The coat should be long, fine in texture, glossy, full of life and should stand off from the body. Ruff should be immense and continue in a deep frill between the front legs. The ear tufts are long and curved. Toe tufts are long. The tail plume is very full.

## IV – COLOUR (10)

Points for cats with special markings or patterns should be divided into 5 points for colour and 5 points for markings.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (10)

The overall condition of the cat is firm without being fat. The cat when viewed as a whole gives a totally well-balanced round appearance. Excellence in one aspect shall not offset deficiency in another aspect.

## OBJECTIONS

### DEDUCT

* Large pointed ears.	1-3
* Small or almond shape eyes.	1-3
* Weak eye colour.	1-3
* Delicate bone structure.	2-5
* <b>Flat or close lying coat.</b>	<b>2-5</b>
* <b>Closed nostrils, tiny pinhole nostrils and or breathing through the mouth.</b>	<b>2-5</b>
<b>Nostrils not large enough to breathe through.</b>	

## WITHHOLDS

- \* White lockets or buttons.
- \* In pointed cats, eye colour other than blue.
- \* **Lack of nose break.**
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

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BREED ORIGIN:	Hybrid
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Exotic (LH & SH), Persian, <b>American SH ( May 1, 2010)</b> Himalayan, Non-Pointed Himalayan
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Exotic (LH & SH), Persian, Himalayan, Non-Pointed Himalayan

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**New Colours:** Chocolate Silver Tabby, Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Chocolate Silver Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Silver Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby, Lilac Silver Patched Tabby (the aforementioned colours are also allowed with white). Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico, Chocolate Calico Smoke, Lilac Calico Smoke. All bi-colours and vans are allowed to have blue, copper or odd-eyed eye colour. All Pointed colours are now recognized with white.