

# CORNISH REX

The Cornish Rex is a cat covered in a characteristic soft, wavy curly-coat, with a fine-boned body that stands high on its legs. It's a well-balanced cat physically and in temperament. It has a distinctive arched back, deep rib cage and a natural 'tuck-up.' It's distinguished by its slender and graceful appearance. The fine bone conformation is covered with firm muscles so when handling, it feels hard and surprisingly weighty. The coat quality and texture, distinctive head type, refined boning as well as a 'well knit' body are prime features to examine.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(14) BODY – Small to medium in size. Slender and fine boned but still hard and muscular. All contours gently curved and without any tubular appearance (5 points). Due to the generally strong and well-developed musculature, all heavily muscled areas appear somewhat heavy in proportion to rest of body. Rib cage is full and deep (3 points). Naturally arched back, an arch is evident when the cat is standing naturally. Lower line of the body follows this upward curve, showing tuck-up (6 points).

(3) NECK – Long and slender.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Except for the more muscular hips, the legs are very long, delicate and slender. Stands high on its legs. When viewed from behind, back legs show no evidence of being splayed or "cow-hocked". Paws dainty and slightly oval in shape.

(3) TAIL – Long and slender, tapering toward end and extremely flexible. A slight natural curve of the last vertebrae is not a fault.

## II – HEAD TYPE (25)

(5) HEAD SHAPE – Egg shaped, oval and relatively small compared with rest of body; length is nearly 1/3 greater than width.

(5) FRONT VIEW – Head appears to be a smooth reunion (at the whisker break) of two circles. Muzzle well defined with a definite whisker break. Whiskers and eyebrows are curly. All outlines are gently curved.

(5) PROFILE – Rounded forehead, Roman-type nose and high, prominent bridge give impression the head profile consists of two convex arcs which meet at nose break. Nose break is smooth and mild but distinctive. Strong, chin, well-developed forming a straight line with tip of nose giving depth and 'strength' in appearance rather than 'receding' in appearance.

(5) EARS – Large, wide at base, tapering to rounded tips, taller than wide, placed high on head and stand erect (as if listening), with outer edges nearly parallel and continuing a straight line from each jowl. Ears may be bare.

(5) EYES – Set one full eye's width apart. Medium to large in size, oval in shape and possess a slight upward slant. Eye colour is clear and brilliant, with any colour permitted.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (40)

(10) Extremely soft, silky and completely free of coarse guard hair.

(5) Short and dense, but evenly distributed without any thin or sparse areas.

(5) Closely lying to body and any open coat is undesirable.

(20) A distinctive, tight, uniform marcel wave. Size and depth of wave may vary from cat to cat. Waves should extend from top of head, across back, sides, thighs and continue to tip of tail. Some allowance should be made for thin coat or bare patches on the tail.

## IV – COLOUR (5)

Any coat colour, or combination of colours, or patterns is permitted. Solid colour cats with white lockets, spots, buttons, groin spots, or toes shall remain in the solid colour class (no penalty is applied). EYE COLOUR is clear and brilliant, with any colour permitted.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Fine boned and muscular. Excellent physical condition.

## OBJECTIONS

|  | DEDUCT |
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| * Flabbiness or emaciation.                      | 1 - 5  |
| * Oriental head.                                 | 1 - 10 |
| * British head type.                             | 1 - 10 |
| * Patchy loss of coat<br>(allowance for kittens) | 1 - 5  |
| * Incomplete waviness<br>(allowance for kittens) | 1 - 10 |
| * Round eyes.                                    | 1 - 3  |
| * Small ears.                                    | 1 - 5  |
| * Short legs.                                    | 1 - 5  |
| * Open coat.                                     | 1 - 5  |
| * Hind legs that are not straight.               | 1 - 4  |
| * Flat forehead.                                 | 1 - 3  |

## WITHHOLDS

- \* Presence of coarse guard hair.
- \* Excessive lack of coat.
- \* Extensive absence of waves in coat.
- \* British head and body type.
- \* Oriental head and tubular body.
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All patterns and colours accepted. Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix.

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| BREED ORIGIN:              | Mutation               |
| REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: | No foundation allowed. |
| SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:      | No foundation allowed. |
| ALLOWED ANCESTRY:          | Cornish Rex            |
| ALLOWED MATINGS:           | Cornish Rex            |

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