

## BRITISH SHORTHAIR

The British Shorthair is compact, cobby, well balanced and powerful. It shows good depth of body, a full broad chest and short, strong legs. Paws are rounded. The tail is thick at the base and rounded at the tip. Head is round with good width between the ears, round cheeks, a firm chin and medium ears. In addition, they have large, round and well-opened eyes and a short, broad nose. Coat is short and dense.

### I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(20) 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 TYPE (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)

The coat is short, dense, crisp and resilient.

### 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 (10)

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

## OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

\*Long, soft or fluffy coat.2-5

\*Weak chin.1-3

\*Rangy body.2-5

## WITHHOLDS

\*Pronounced nose stop, flat face or snub nose.

\*All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:Established

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:No Foundation Allowed

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:No Foundation Allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY:British Shorthair

ALLOWED MATINGS:British Shorthair

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