

## CORNISH REX

The Cornish Rex is a well-balanced cat both physically and temperamentally. Refined boning, distinctive head type, wavy coat and a “well knit” body are prime features to examine. The fine bone conformation (of the Cornish Rex) is covered with firm muscles so, when handling, it feels hard and surprisingly weighty.

### I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(14) BODY 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) ELKS & FEET 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.

### 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 head profile consists of two convex arcs which meet at nose break. Nose break is smooth and mild. Strong, chin, well-developed forming a straight line with tip of nose giving depth and squarish appearance.

(5) EARS – Large, wide at base, 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 jaw). 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.

### III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (40)

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

(5) Short and dense. Evenly distributed without any thin or sparse areas.

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

(20) Deep, uniform waves extend from top of head, across back, sides, thighs and continue to tip of tail.

### IV – COLOUR (5)

Any colour, or combination of colours, or patterns is permitted. EYE COLOUR is clear and brilliant, with any colour permitted.

White lockets or buttons are permitted.

### V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Fine boned and muscular. Excellent physical condition.

### OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

\*Flabbiness 1 - 5

\*Oriental head. 1 - 10

\*British head type. 1 - 10

\*Patchy loss of coat  
(allowance for kittens) 1 - 5

\*Incomplete waviness  
(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.

BREED ORIGIN: Mutation

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: No foundation allowed.

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: No foundation allowed.

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Cornish Rex

ALLOWED MATINGS: Cornish Rex