

## EXOTIC

LONGHAIRS AND SHORTHAIRES ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.

The Exotic Shorthair displays all the attributes of the Persian except lack of a long flowing coat. 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 it gained the shorter coat, which is, however, much thicker and somewhat longer than that of other shorthair breeds. The Exotic Longhair displays all the attributes of the Persian.

### 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) **Tails** short, but in proportion with body length.

### II – HEAD TYPE (40)

(5) **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.

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

(5) **CHEEKS** – Cheeks are full.

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

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

(5) **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 its density. Coat is not flat or close lying. It is medium length, slightly longer than in other shorted cats, but not long enough to flow.

**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 appearance. Excellence in one aspect shall not offset deficiency in another aspect.

### OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

\*Delicate bone structure.2-5

\*Large pointed ears.1-3

\*Small or almond shape eyes.1-3

\*Weak eye colour.1-3

### WITHHOLDS

\*White lockets or buttons.

\*In pointed cats, eye colour other than blue.

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

### RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:Hybrid

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:F1 allowed

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:F1 allowed.

ALLOWED ANCESTRY:Exotic (LH & SH), Persian,

American Shorthair,  
Himalayan,

Non-Pointed Himalayan

ALLOWED MATINGS:

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American Shorthair,

Himalayan,

Non-Pointed Himalayan

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