

# AMERICAN WIREHAIR

The American Wirehair, is a spontaneous mutation of the American Shorthair. The only difference is the stiff, wiry coat. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced cat without exaggeration of any feature that takes away from the conformation indicating power, endurance and agility. Females may be less massive in all respects than males and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Medium to large, well knit, powerful and muscular with a full-developed chest.

(5) NECK – Short and in proportion to body.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, firm boned and heavily muscled. Paws firm, rounded.

(5) TAIL – Thick at base, tapering gradually to rounded tip. In proportion to body.

## II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Broad with well developed cheeks giving impression of an oblong shape – just slightly longer than wide. Squarish muzzle. Eyes set wide apart. Rounded skull. Nose medium in length, same width for entire length.

(6) PROFILE – Nose gently rises in a curve from bridge of nose to forehead. Forehead forms smooth continuous curve flowing over top of head into neck. Chin firm and well developed forming a perpendicular line with upper lip.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, rounded tips. Set wide apart and not unduly opened at base.

(5) EYES – Round. Set well apart.

## III – COAT

### TEXTURE/DENSITY/LENGTH (15)

Springy, tight and medium in length, Individual hairs crimped, hooked or bent, including hair in ears. Overall appearance of wiry, coarse and resilience is more important than crimping of each hair. Density of wired coat leads to ringlets rather than waves. Coat is dense, resilient, crimped and coarse. Curly whiskers.

## IV – COLOUR (15)

(10) COAT COLOUR – See Colour Description for more details. For cats with special markings, allot 5 points for pattern and 5 points for colour.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Eye colour must conform to colour description.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular giving appearance of power and activity.

## OBJECTIONS

* Long or fluffy coat.	DEDUCT 5-10
* Excessive cobbliness or ranginess.	3-5
* Short tail.	2-3
* Obesity or emaciation.	1-3

## WITHHOLDS

- \* Lack of stiffness or wiriness.
- \* Deep nose break.
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

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BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with American Shorthair
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F2 Allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair
ALLOWED MATINGS:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair

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