

MANX / CYMRIC (Manx LH)

The Manx (Shorthair) and Cymric (Manx Longhair) are judged as two separate breeds. The breed is a tailless, round bodied cat. The sturdy, compact body is almost “bear-like” in the top specimen. Emphasis is on proportion and balance, not on size. The back is arched and ideally is the same length as the hind legs. The cat should be “surprisingly” heavy when lifted. Females are smaller than males. **Manx / Cymric** walk normally. NOTE: **Manx / Cymric** can take up to four years to fully mature. Judges are to make allowances for age in younger cats when judging, ear set, chest width, shortness of front legs and weight.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (55)

(20) BODY – The cat should appear round when viewed from all angles. **Solidly muscled, compact and well-balanced, medium in size.** The chest should appear round when viewed from the front. The roundness of the chest is accentuated by the widely spaced front legs. Depth of flank is **greater than in other breeds giving** a round appearance **to the body** when viewed from the side. The arch of the back and lack of a tail **continues the** roundness of the rear flank. A straight back is objectionable. When observing from the top, one sees equal width of body from shoulders to hips. There should be no suggestion of narrowness in the body. NOTE: Body width is more apparent in older cats, thus judges must make allowance for age.

(10) TAILLESSNESS – The rump should **appear and** feel round. The rump is **broad and** round as an orange. Sometimes there is a slight rise at the end of the spinal column due to the presence of the coccyx (last few vertebrae). This rise is not to be penalized if not visible. A judge’s open hand should pass smoothly over the rump. Judges must not probe the end of the spine with their fingers, as this is a sensitive area.

(10) BONING – Sturdy **bone** structure. There should be no suggestion of a spindly or delicate bone.

(5) FRONT LEGS – The front legs are **short** and set wide apart **emphasizing** the **broad deep** chest. The paws are round.

(10) HIND LEGS – The hind legs are longer than the front legs **causing the rump to be higher than the shoulders giving** the cat a forward sloping appearance. **Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind.**

II – HEAD TYPE (25)

(10) HEAD – The head should be slightly longer than it is broad. Prominent cheeks **with a jowly appearance (more visible in males)** make the head appear round. The female head may appear less round than that of the male due to the absence of stud jowls. **In profile the head is medium in length with a gentle dip from forehead to nose. Broad rounded muzzle,** nose is slightly longer than it is broad **with a definite whisker break.** The chin should be firm and be in a straight line with the nose when viewed from the side.

(5) EARS – The widely spaced ears are set slightly off the side of the head. They are wide at the base, and taper gradually to a rounded tip. The set of the ears when viewed from behind resemble a cradle rocker. The Cymric has long feather-like furnishings inside the ear.

(5) EYES – The round eyes are full, expressive and set at a slight angle downward to the nose. The ideal eye colour conforms with coat colour; but in Manx, eye colour is only considered when all other points are equal.

(5) NECK – Short, thick neck.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

MANX: The double coat is short and dense and have a firm, well padded quality due to the longer, open outer coat and close cottony undercoat. Outer guard hair is somewhat hard, appearance is glossy. The coat is dense to the touch.

CYMRIC: The coat is a moderate length, dense and covering the main body and gradually lengthens from shoulders to rump. The texture is soft and silky, falling smoothly on the body yet being full and plush due to the double coat but does not have a cottony undercoat. Breeches, abdomen and neck ruff are longer than on the main body. The jowls should be lynx-like and the collar-like ruff extends from shoulders in a bib-like manner around the chest. Breeches are full and thick in the mature cat. Toe tufts and ear tufts are desirable. Coat to have a healthy glossy appearance. Seasonal and age variations should be recognized.

IV – COLOUR (5)

The distribution of points for colours for cats with special markings should be 3 points for markings and 2 points for colour.

NOTE: WHITE LOCKETS AND BUTTONS ARE PERMITTED.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

The breed is a sturdy, muscular and well boned cat. They are well fleshed but not fat. When looking at the cat one should see circles from all angles.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Underweight, overweight, soft condition, lean body.	3
* Level back.	3 - 5
* Narrow chest, ribs, hips or flank.	3 - 5
* Bowed or knocked kneed hind legs.	3
* Long neck.	3
* Weak chin.	3
* Front legs that are too close together.	3
* Nose break or straight nose.	3
* Short hind legs.	3
* Upright ears.	3
* Small or elongated head.	4
* Delicate or fine bone structure.	3
* Extremely long, short, or straight spine.	3
* Coat that is too coarse, too fine, too thin, too long, too silky. (Manx)	3
* Overall even coat length (Cymric)	3
* Cottony-textured coat. (Cymric)	1 - 3
* Visible stump or rise in tail which spoils the appearance of taillessness.	5

WITHHOLDS

- * Walking with a hop or hopping only.
- * Obvious bowel or bladder dysfunction.
- * Stub or rise stopping a judge’s hand from running smoothly over the rump.
- * Stiffness or weakness in one or both hind legs. NOTE: Manx may crouch when nervous and hind leg strength may need to be felt when handling the cat.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

No colours / patterns showing hybridization resulting in chocolate, lavender, the himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white allowed.

BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Manx, Cymric
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Manx, Cymric

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EYE COLOUR: The accepted eye colour for the majority of coat colours within the Manx / Cymric breed is gold to copper, blue-eyed, green, or hazel as appropriate for coat colour. Shaded or Chinchilla Silver should have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Any of the Tabby Silver colours including the Patched Silver Tabby colours are allowed to have gold, green or hazel eye colour. The occurrence of blue-eyed or odd-eyed Bi-colours or Vans is allowed.

SOLID

BLACK

BLUE

CREAM

RED

WHITE BLUE-EYED

WHITE COPPER-EYED

WHITE GOLD-EYED

WHITE GREEN-EYED

WHITE ODD-EYED

SMOKE

BLACK SMOKE

BLUE SMOKE

CAMEO

CREAM CAMEO

SHADED

BLUE SHADED

CAMEO SHADED

CREAM CAMEO SHADED

SILVER SHADED

CHINCHILLA

BLUE CHINCHILLA

CAMEO SHELL

CREAM CAMEO SHELL

SILVER CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN SHADED

BLUE GOLDEN SHADED

CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

GOLDEN SHADED

RED GOLDEN SHADED

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

BLUE GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

RED GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

CLASSIC TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY

BROWN CLASSIC TABBY

CREAM CLASSIC TABBY

RED CLASSIC TABBY

MACKEREL TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL TABBY

BROWN MACKEREL TABBY

CREAM MACKEREL TABBY

RED MACKEREL TABBY

SPOTTED TABBY

BLUE SPOTTED TABBY

BROWN SPOTTED TABBY

CREAM SPOTTED TABBY

RED SPOTTED TABBY

TICKED TABBY

BLUE TICKED TABBY

BROWN TICKED TABBY

CREAM TICKED TABBY

RED TICKED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY

CREAM CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY

CREAM CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY

SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

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SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY
 CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY
 CREAM CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY
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SILVER TICKED TABBY

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 CREAM CAMEO TICKED TABBY
 SILVER TICKED TABBY

GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY

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 GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY
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GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY

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CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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TORTOISESHELL

BLUE-CREAM

TORTOISESHELL

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

BLUE-CREAM SHADED

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

BLUE-CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

BI-COLOUR (with white)

All established colours and patterns with the addition of white for Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchillas, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Eye colours for the Bi-colour patterns should correspond with the established base coat colour, blue or odd-eyed (one eye must be blue). Bi-colour pattern is judged as separate colour classes based on the coat colour combined with the eye colour (i.e., a gold-eyed black & white would be judged separately from a odd-eyed black & white.)

CALICO

CALICO

CALICO BLUE EYED

CALICO ODD EYED

DILUTE CALICO

DILUTE CALICO BLUE EYED

DILUTE CALICO ODD EYED

Additional Calico Combinations:

All established colours for the Calico pattern: Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla, Patterned* Calico, Patterned* Silver Calico, Patterned* Golden Calico. Odd-eyed calico is allowed.

PATTERNED* CALICO is a tri-colour pattern which has tabby markings instead of solid colour spots (Note: tabby markings in the red/cream spots are ignored) on the white base coat. No tabby pattern description required.

VAN

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Van pattern (face and body predominantly white with colour restricted to the head and tail. One or two small spots of colour on the body are allowed): Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchillas, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Eye colours for the Van patterns is gold, blue, odd-eyed, which are judged as separate colour classes based on the eye colour. (i.e., a gold-eyed black & white Van would be judged separately from a odd-eyed black & white Van). All established colours for the Calico pattern: Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla, Patterned* Calico, Patterned* Silver Calico, Patterned* Golden Calico. Odd-eyed calico is allowed.

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GENERAL PREFACE

The following shall apply to all breeds or as indicated:

WITHHOLD AWARDS FOR:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw (Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this rule). Splayed toes are an objection.
 2. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
 3. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital or acquired.
 4. Entries which do not meet correct markings as stated. Entries must be properly and distinctly marked in accordance with the standard for all cats of the tabby variety.
 5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (i.e., the presence of powder, or chalk remaining in the coat after normal grooming, the use of tints, colour rinses or other artificial colouring concealment media, sanding or shaving, or knowledge of cosmetic surgery).
 6. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All domestic breeds of cats covered in the standards are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally.
 7. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Small, invisible bumps shall be considered a fault.
 8. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified).
 9. Crossed eyes in any breed.
 10. Maloccluded jaws.
 11. Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles) are grounds for withholding awards.
 12. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. A 'blaze' — two colours on the face divided down the nose— is desirable (all other factors being equal) on the numerous tortoiseshell-like colours and patterns (i.e., tortoiseshell, lilac-cream, champagne-tortie, seal tortie point, etc.)
 7. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
 8. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. Inasmuch as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
 9. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition and balance for its respective breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together' and any one particular quality must not be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by a greater amount than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
 10. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
 11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.

KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. weak, receding, or protruding chin is to be considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile and balance.
2. Allowance is to be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
3. Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
4. Allowance is to be made for faint tabby markings, except where part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance is to be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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