# **BRITISH LONGHAIR**

HEAD	25 Points
Shape	(10)
Ears	(5)
Eyes	(10)
BODY/TAIL	35 Points
Neck	(5)
Shape/Size	(20)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COAT	10 Points
Length	(5)
Texture	(5)
COLOR	20 Points
CONDITION	5 Points
BALANCE	5 Points

**General:** The British Longhair is a medium to large almost square cat. It is a sturdy cat, well knit and powerful with a broad, rounded chest. The head is broad with well-rounded contours when viewed from any angle, with full cheeks, giving a chubby appearance, with a short broad nose. Overall appearance of this breed with its short bull neck, standing on strong muscular legs and well rounded paws, is that of a solid muscular cat, with no fat on its body, pleasing to the eye and very amenable to handling.

## *Head:*

**Shape:** Broad with well-rounded contours when viewed from any angle. Full cheeks give a chubby appearance. Nose is short and broad but not snub nosed, good muzzle. **Ears:** Medium in size and set wide apart but not extreme. Broad at base and rounded tip. **Eyes:** Large, round and well opened. Set to show breadth of nose. Eye color must conform to requirement for coat color.

## Body:

**Body:** Medium to large. Almost square and very sturdy. Shoulders at withers broad and flat. Hips same width as shoulders. Chest broad and rounded. Body well knit and powerful, especially in males. **Neck:** Short and bull like, particularly in males. **Legs/Feet:** Legs strong and muscular. Feet well rounded, not splayed. **Tail:** Length in proportion to the body. Thick at base with a slight taper. Well set to carry almost level with the back.

### Coat:

Semi-long, straight, plush, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and britches desirable. Dense with a natural protective appearance.

#### Color:

For cats with special markings, points are divided equally: 10 for color, 10 for markings.

#### Accepted Colors:

Allows all recognized colors/patterns recognized by ACFA.

**Condition:** Muscular. No indication of fat or flabbiness.

**<u>Balance:</u>** Amenable to handling. The type required is the same for all British Longhairs. The males are more massive in all characteristics.

PENALYZE: Short or silky coat, light undercoat, long flowing coat. Wrong eye color: Green is

wrong eye color for coat colors that require deep orange; deep orange is the wrong

eye color for coat colors requiring green eyes.

OBJECTION: Color: Blue Cream: Tabby markings; colors that are patched instead of brindled; solid

color on face, legs and tail; white markings in coat.

<u>Tortoiseshell:</u> Tabby markings; solid color on face, feet and tail.

<u>Cameo Mc Tabby:</u> Trace of blue in the eyes, black rims around eyes or nose.