

Highlander Shorthair

HEAD	40 Points
Shape	(6)
Profile	(8)
Muzzle/Chin	(8)
Ears	(12)
Eyes	(6)
BODY/TAIL	40 Points
Torso	(10)
Boning/Musculature	(10)
Legs/Feet	(8)
Tail	(12)
COAT	20 Points
Length	(5)
Texture	(5)
Color	(5)
Pattern	(5)

General:

The Highlander Shorthair is a completely domestic cat that should have a wild look. A medium sized cat that is athletic in appearance. Distinguishing features are the straight and slightly flat forehead, wide nose bridge, two inch to hock tail and the loose relaxed curl of the ears that are rounded at the tips.

Head:

Shape: Wide, inverted pear-shaped head with a full muzzle.

Eyes: Medium to large in size. Walnut in shape, slightly hooded and set on a slight bias. Eye color is independent of coat color.

Ears: Small to medium in size, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side and as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base with flexible ear tips curled back. Loose, relaxed curl with the ear tips more rounded than pointed. No preference given to the direction in which the ears point. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but should loosen by adulthood. In adult males, ears may set lower due to jowling.

Muzzle: Full with prominent whisker pads.

Chin: Should align with the top of the jaw.

Profile: Rounded back skull, straight and slightly flat forehead, with a slight change of direction at the eye ridge, may also have a slight curve to the nose bridge. Nose, muzzle and chin form a straight line in profile.

Nose: Wide with substantial nose leather.

Body:

Torso: Medium size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back with hips higher than shoulders. Overall athletic appearance. Females may be substantially smaller than the males and shall not be penalized. This is a slow maturing breed and may not fill out until two or more years of age.

Legs: Medium in length, back legs longer than front.

Feet: Medium, rounded with large knuckles. Toe tufts are desirable.

Tail: Shortened and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of two inches in adults with proportional length in kittens. Should not extend past the hock with the leg extended. There may be extra flesh, hooks or kinks in the tail. Kinks and curls are desirable.

Boning: Medium

Musculature: Athletic build with medium musculature.

Coat:

Length: the coat should lay against the body smoothly.

Texture: There will be texture variations depending on the color and coat length of the cat.

Color and Markings:

All accepted colors and patterns may exhibit some form/variation of ticking.

No White or "And White" cats allowed.

Accepted Colors:

Solid Colors:

Blue
Black
Cream
Red
Tortoiseshell
Blue Cream

Classic Tabby:

Blue Tabby
Blue Silver Tabby
Blue Patched Tabby
Blue Silver Patched Tabby
Brown Tabby
Brown Patched Tabby
Cream Tabby
Red Tabby
Silver Tabby
Silver Patched Tabby

Ticked Tabby, Spotted Tabby, McTabby

Same colors as Classic Tabby

Pointed, Mink, Sepia, Shaded, Smoke

All accepted Highlander Shorthair colors
In Lynx Points, expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

Condition: Should reflect excellent health and an athletic cat.

Balance: All parts of the body in proportion.

Temperament: Should be unchallenging.

Allowances: Tarnishing in Silvers.

PENALIZE: Ears tightly curled where the ear tips are not visible. Ears set too low.
Tail past the hock. Legs that are not set straight, cow hocking.

WITHHOLD: Lockets

DISQUALIFY: Tail is docked. Full length tail. Ears are completely straight.
Ears are not erect. Cryptorchidism. Polydactyl.