

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

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 Shorthair 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 with a concave curve. The profile shows a short muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek. **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 gold to copper, with the darker shades preferred.

Body:

Body: Medium to large. A short rectangle to almost square body with a sturdy build. 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:

Coat should be short, well bodied and firm to the touch. Not double coated or woolly. 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.

Balance: Amenable to handling. The type required is the same for all British Shorthairs. The males are more massive in all characteristics.

UNDESIRABLE:

Open coat, light undercoat. 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.
Tortoiseshell: Tabby markings; solid color on face, feet and tail.
And White: Tabby markings, a long tail, green eyes, brindling within the patching.
Cameo Mc Tabby: Trace of blue in the eyes, black rims around eyes or nose.