

CORNISH REX

HEAD	26 Points
Shape	(2)
Profile	(5)
Muzzle	(5)
Chin	(5)
Ear	(5)
Eyes	(4)
BODY/TAIL	26 Points
Shape/Tuck-up	(12)
Neck	(4)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COAT	38 Points
Waviness	(20)
Density	(15)
Texture	(3)
COLOR/MARKINGS	5 Points
CONDITION/	5 Points
BALANCE	

General: The Cornish Rex is characterized by a firm, muscular body, well toned with no evidence of obesity or emaciation. Viewed as a whole, it is well knit, alert, standing high on its legs with each part in good proportion. All contours are gently curved. It is a medium sized cat, slender and fine boned with a full, deep rib cage. The trunk of the body follows an upward curve of the backbone forming a “tuck-up” accented by its rounded hips. The most unique aspect of the breed is its coat with deep even waves over the entire body, legs and tail. Note: For general information only. See approved Standard below.

Head:

Shape: Longer than it is wide, but not extremely long, with a break at the muzzle when viewed from the front. Muzzle break is important because it gives the distinctive Rex look to the head [for lack of a good strong muzzle break, deduct 1 to 5 points]. The Cornish Rex has a Roman profile comprised of a gentle convex curve from the tip of the nose to the top of the head with a smooth mild dip just below the eyes and above the high prominent nose bridge. A straight line is to be seen from the top of the nose to the chin. Allowance to be made for the jowls in mature males. **Ears:** Ears shall be large and alert, set high on the head. A front view, straight on, presents a deep conical appearance. The ears are taller than wide and have a modified point at the tip. **Eyes:** The eyes are medium size, oval in shape and set wide apart. Color clear, in keeping with coat color. The eye color for all colors, except pointed, to be green, hazel or gold. Pointed colors to have blue eyes. It should be considered that the Rex is a foreign body type cat, and eye color is secondary to shape and set.

Body:

Shape/Tuck-up: The Cornish Rex body is medium in size, balanced, and must be hard and muscular. Rib cage is full and deep. Trunk of the body follows an upward curve forming a tuck-up. Hips rounded, somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body. Males are proportionately larger. **Neck:** Medium long and slender. **Legs/Feet:** Legs shall be long and slender, fine boned, in keeping with the body and tail. A Cornish Rex should stand high on its legs. Its neatly furnished paws shall be oval and dainty with five toes in front, four in back. **Tail:** Long and slender, tapering slightly from the body to the end. It is usually tipped with a tuft of waves. There is no penalty for bare upper surface. Slight natural curve of the last vertebrae acceptable.

Coat:

The Cornish Rex shall have deep even waves over the entire body. Waves on the head, legs, and tail preferred but not required. Coat is fine, soft, short and dense with a velvet like feel.

Color/Markings:

Accepted in all recognized colors/patterns registered by ACFA.

NOTE: The “and white” shall be pleasing to the eye with no restrictions as to proportion or combination. Solid color cats with lockets and/or vest buttons are to remain in the solid color class. Lockets and groin spots, white toes on non-whites, shall not be considered a fault. Tabby markings are allowed until two years of age in accepted patterns of red and cream.

Condition:

Fine and muscular. Good muscle tone, no evidence of obesity or emaciation. Lack of condition shows in flabbiness, dull look in the eyes, and loss of coat quality and quantity.

Balance:

Viewed as a whole, the Cornish Rex shall be well balanced, alert, well proportioned and standing high on the legs and paws. The Cornish Rex is generally amenable to handling.

OBJECTION:

Head: Straight, flat profile. Extremely severe nose stop or break.

Coat: Open coat and bareness on any portion of the body [except ears and tail].

PENALIZE:

Head: Lack of a good strong muzzle break [1 to 5 points].

Coat: Open coat and bareness on any portion of the body. Depending on the severity [1 to 5 points].

WITHHOLD:

Crossed eyes, visible abnormality of the tail [not to be confused by a slight natural curve of the last vertebrae], presence of coarse or guard hairs.