

LA PERM - LONGHAIR

HEAD	34 Points
Shape/Size	(10)
Muzzle/Chin	(10)
Profile	(4)
Ears	(6)
Eyes	(4)
BODY	25 Points
Torso	(10)
Neck	(5)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COLOR/PATTERN	1 Point
Coat	40 Points
Texture/Length	(20)
Curl or Waviness	(20)

General: The LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized and curly coated, with a moderate type body. All colors and eye colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on his feet.

Gender Difference: Females are generally smaller than males. The breed matures in 2-3 years, with the females maturing sooner than the males. **Allowances:** are to be made for age and sex.

Head:

Shape: The skull is a modified wedge, slightly rounded with gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded, with long, flexible whiskers. **Muzzle:** Broad with rounded contours and moderate to strong whisker pinch. **Chin:** Strong and firm presenting a perpendicular line down from the tip of the nose. **Allowances:** should be made for the jowls on mature males. **Profile:** Slight dip to nose just below bottom of eye, then continuing straight to tip of nose. Dip must be felt for, as it can appear straight. Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of the head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing into neck. **Ears:** Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head, slightly flared and cupped, medium to large. Full furnishings and earmuffs with lynx tipping is preferred on longhair breed. **Eye:** Medium large and expressive, almond in shape at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted toward base of ear. Eye color has no relation to coat color.

Body:

Torso: Medium in size with medium fine to medium boning. **Allowances:** are made for larger sizes in males, as long as they remain balanced and in proportion. **Legs/Feet:** Medium long to match body length. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. As with body, medium fine boning with rounded feet. **Tail:** In proportion to body, tapering from base to tip.

Coat:

Texture/Length: Semi-longhair, both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The coat should be free of matting so it should not be too thick and heavy. The tail is plumed with some curling. The coat is springy, light and airy. The feel may vary among individual cats and/or color. **Curl or Waviness:** Curl is preferred. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body, a coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the "Gypsy Shag" look). Tightest curls are in the ruff and the base of the ears; longest curls are in the ruff, base of the ears, and at the base of the tail. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

Color/Pattern:

Accepted in all recognized colors registered by ACFA.

<u>PENALIZE:</u>	Bare patches, sparse coat in mature specimens
<u>WITHHOLD:</u>	Crossed eyes, non-visible tail fault.
<u>DISQUALIFY:</u>	Cobby body, short legs, incorrect number of toes, visible tail faults, straight hair.