

# LA PERM - SHORTHAIR

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>34 Points</b>
Shape/Size	(10)
Muzzle/Chin	(10)
Profile	(4)
Ears	(6)
Eyes	(4)
<b>BODY</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
Torso	(10)
Neck	(5)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
<b>COLOR/PATTERN</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>40 Points</b>
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. **Eyes:** 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 size 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:** Short to approximately medium-long. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy. The coat is springy, light and airy. The texture may be harder than long-hair and will vary among individual cats and/or colors. The coat will stand away from the body with waves over most of the cat. **Curl or Waviness:** Curly or Wavy. It is not required to have a ruff, ringlets or earmuffs. The tail will be like a bottlebrush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

## Color/Pattern:

Accepted in all recognized colors registered by ACFA.

## PENALIZE:

Bare patches, sparse coat in mature specimens.

## WITHHOLD:

Crossed eyes, non-visible tail faults

## DISQUALIFY:

Cobby body, short legs, incorrect number of toes, visible tail faults, straight hair.