

SELKIRK REX - SHORTHAIR

HEAD	30 Points
Shape	(10)
Muzzle	(5)
Ears	(5)
Eyes	(5)
Nose	(5)
BODY/TAIL	30 Points
Torso	(15)
Legs/Feet	(10)
Tail	(5)
COAT	30 Points
Density	(5)
Curl	(15)
Texture	(10)
COLOR	10 Points
Coat Color	(5)
Eye Color	(5)

General: The Selkirk Rex is the result of a dominant, spontaneous mutation that causes each hair (guard, down & awn) to have a gentle wave or curl giving the coat a soft feel. This is a medium to large cat with heavy boning that gives the cat surprising weight and an impression of power. Females may be less massive than males but not dainty in appearance. The Selkirk Rex has a sweet, alert and active personality.

Head:

Shape: Round, broad and full-cheeked in both males and females. The underlying bone structure is round, with no flat planes. **Nose:** This has a downward slant with a convex curve and is set below the eye line. The profile reveals a nose stop. **Muzzle:** The profile shows a short muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek. It is of medium width, the length being equal to half the width. The underlying bone structure is rounded with well-padded whisker pads to give the impression of squareness. The tip of the chin, tip of the nose and the upper lip line up on the same vertical plane. **Chin:** Firm and well-developed. **Ears:** Medium in size, broad at the base, tapering, set well apart. Should fit into [without distorting] the rounded contour of the head. Furnishings, if present, should be curly. **Eyes:** Large, rounded, set well apart. The eyes should not appear almond or oval shaped and should be on the same horizontal plane when viewed from the front. All eye colors allowed, in keeping with coat color. This includes the standard for the Silver Tabby to include Green, Copper or Hazel eyes.

Body and Tail:

Body: Medium to large and well-balanced. The muscular torso is rectangular. The back is straight with shoulders and hips appearing the same width. Objections: excessive cobbiness or sleek oriental appearance. **Legs/Feet:** Medium, substantially boned, complimented by large paws. **Tail:** Thick, medium, with length in proportion to the body. The tail tapers slightly, neither blunt nor pointed at the tip.

Coat:

The texture is soft, plushy, dense and obviously curly. There are no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. The coat stands out from the body and should not appear flat or close-lying. The curls are random, unstructured, and arranged in loose, individual curls. Although curl varies by hair length, sex and age in an individual, the entire coat should show the effect of the rex gene. Curliness may be evident more around the neck, on the tail and the belly. Allowances should be made for curl affected by seasonal coat changes or age. The Shorthair Selkirk Rex should have tail hairs the same length as the coat [approximately 1-1 1/2"] and tail curls are plush and lie compactly around the tail. The ruff is the same length as the coat fur.

Accepted Colors:

Accepted in all recognized colors/patterns registered by ACFA. Color is secondary in importance to other factors.

DISQUALIFY:

Extreme nose break, lack of visible muzzle, malocclusion, tail kinks, crossed eyes, obvious physical deformities, including polydactyl feet, straight-haired cats.