

# BRITISH LONGHAIR

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
Shape	(10)
Ears	( 5)
Eyes	(10)
<b>BODY/TAIL</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Neck	( 5)
Shape/Size	(20)
Legs/Feet	( 5)
Tail	( 5)
<b>COAT</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
Length	( 5)
Texture	( 5)
<b>COLOR</b>	<b>20 Points</b>
<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>5 Points</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>5 Points</b>

**General:** The British Longhair 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, good muzzle. **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 must conform to requirement for coat color.

## Body:

**Body:** Medium to large. Almost square and very sturdy. 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:

Semi-long, straight, plush, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and britches desirable. 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 Longhairs. The males are more massive in all characteristics.

## **PENALYZE:**

Short or silky coat, light undercoat, long flowing coat. 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.  
Cameo Mc Tabby: Trace of blue in the eyes, black rims around eyes or nose.

# BRITISH SHORTHAIR

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
Shape	(10)
Ears	( 5)
Eyes	(10)
<b>BODY/TAIL</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Neck	( 5)
Shape/Size	(20)
Legs/Feet	( 5)
Tail	( 5)
<b>COAT</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
Length	( 5)
Texture	( 5)
<b>COLOR</b>	<b>20 Points</b>
<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>5 Points</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>5 Points</b>

**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.