

British Longhair **Preliminary Standard**

The British Longhair cat is compact, well balanced, powerful and muscular, with an alert appearance. The coat is semi-long and dense with substantial undercoat, not long and flowing, like a Persian coat.

HEAD	Round. Round face with full cheeks. Good breadth of skull with round underlying bone structure.
EARS	Medium in size, rounded tips. Set far apart, fitting into without distorting the rounded contour of the head. External ear well covered with fur, internal furnishing sparse.
EYES	Large, round and well opened. Set wide apart with no tendency to oriental shape.
NOSE	Short, broad and straight. In profile a rounded head should lead to a short straight nose, with a nose break which is neither too pronounced nor too shallow.
CHIN	Strong, firm and deep. Tip of the chin to line up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane.
NECK	Short and thick.
BODY	Cobby with short level back. Low on legs. Broad deep chest. Equally massive across shoulders and rump. Medium to large but not rangy.
LEGS	Legs short and strong.
PAWS	Paws round and firm. Toes carried close
TAIL	Thick. Medium length. Thicker at base with rounded tip.
COAT	Semi-long, straight, dense, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and breeches desirable. Fluff-plush texture, dense, with natural protective appearance. Texture may differ slightly in colours other than blue.

SCALE OF POINTS

	SELF	PATTERNED
Head and ears	25	25
Body	20	20
Coat texture	15	10
Coat Colour	20	25
Eyes	10	10
Condition	5	5
Temperament	5	5
	100	100

FAULTS

Withhold major awards for:

- Short or silky coat.
- Pronounced nose stop, flat face or snub nose
- Pronounced whisker pads
- Any defects listed in Relevant to All Breeds Section.

British Longhair colours & eye colours – as for British Shorthair

Allowable Outcross Breeds:

British Shorthair, Chinchilla Longhair