

LaPerm

The LaPerm, a naturally occurring mutation, comes in both longhair and shorthair varieties. This is a medium sized, very curly coated cat of semi-foreign type. The gene causing the coat to curl is a dominant gene. Being a working cat on the farm, they are excellent hunters as well as gentle companions.

HEAD	Medium in size and in proportion to the body. A broad modified wedge, with rounded contours. Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, and then smooth in a gentle curve back over top of head into neck. The brow, high cheekbones and profile should show gentle contours. The broad nose is moderate in length with a slight concave curve when viewed in profile. The muzzle and whisker pads are round, full and prominent with a definite muzzle break. Chin firm.
EARS	Medium in size, slightly flared, wide at base, with rounded tips. Moderately wide set, and a continuation of the broad modified wedge. Well furnished with curly tufts at the lower edge of the ears. Curly earmuffs and lynx-like tufts desirable.
EYES	Medium large and expressive and set moderately far apart. Almond in shape and slanting towards the base of the ear.
NECK	Long and carried erect.
BODY	Medium in size and muscular with a surprising weight for the size. Medium boning. Back not level with slightly higher hind legs. Shape: Semi-foreign, neither short and stocky nor long and elegant.
LEGS	Muscular, medium-long to match the body with hind legs slightly longer than forelegs. Medium boning.
PAWS	Rounded. Medium in size.
TAIL	Long, tapering and in proportion to the body. Short hairs have wavy hair. Longhairs have a curly plumed tail.
COAT	<p>Curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. It is not wiry. The degree of softness may vary among individual cats. 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). Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff and base of ear. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat.</p> <p>The Shorthair LaPerm has a springy coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. It does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be a bottle-brush.</p> <p>Shorthair LaPerm: Short to medium. There is no ruff. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy.</p> <p>Longhair LaPerm: Medium-long to long; both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The tail is plumed with some curling.</p>
COAT COLOUR	All colours and patterns acceptable.
EYE COLOUR	No relationship between coat and eye colour.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	Size and shape	5
	Muzzle and chin	5
	Profile	5
	Ears	5
	Eyes	5
Body:		10
Neck:		5
Legs and Paws		10
Tail:		5
Coat:	Texture and Length	10
	Curl or Waviness	25
Condition		5
Temperament		5
		100

ALLOWANCES - Lockets

FAULTS

Ears without furnishings

No curl below the ears on longhairs.

Any defects as listed under the Relevant to All Breeds.

Withhold award for:

- Thick square body
- Short legs

Allowable Outcross Breeds:

Any domestic longhair or short hair not a member of a recognized breed

Standard amended:

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