

British Longhair

Breed Code: (BLH)

GENERAL: 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.

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. Well furnished.
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 & PAWS	Legs short and strong. Paws round and firm. Toes carried close.
TAIL	Thick. Medium length. Thicker at base with rounded tip and well furnished
COAT	Semi-long, straight, dense, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and breeches desirable. Fluff-plush texture, with natural protective appearance. Texture may differ slightly depending on the colour and pattern .

SCALE OF POINTS

	SELF	PATTERNED
Head and ears	25	25
Eyes	10	10
Body	20	20
Coat texture	15	10
Coat Colour	20	25
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, British Shorthair variants (British shorthairs from British longhair programmes)

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