

Selkirk Rex



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

HEAD: Skull round, broad and full-cheeked in both males and females. Round underlying bone structure with no flat planes. Nose slanting downward with a convex curve and set below the eye line. The profile reveals a nose stop and a muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek.

MUZZLE: Medium in width. The underlying bone structure is rounded with well-padded whisker pads to give the impression of squareness. The length is equal to 1/2 the width. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of the nose and upper lip on the same vertical plane. Chin is firm and well developed, balanced in proportion to rest of head.

EARS: Medium in size, broad at the base, tapering and set well apart. Should fit into without distorting, the rounded contour of the head. Furnishings, if present, are curly.

EYES: Large, rounded, set well apart. The eyes should not appear almond or oval-shaped. The outside corner is set very slightly higher than the inner corner, giving a sweet expression to the face.

BODY: Medium to large in size. Well-balanced, muscular, more rectangular than square, but not long. Back straight with a slight rise to the hindquarters. Shoulders and hips should appear to be the same width.

LEGS: Medium to long with substantial boning and in proportion to body.

PAWS: Large, round, and firm.

TAIL: Medium in length and in proportion to the body. Thick at base, neither blunt nor pointed at tip.

EYE COLOUR: Eye colour can be copper, gold, yellow or green. Blue is acceptable in vans, pointed or white cats. Odd eyes acceptable in Vans and whites. Eye colour should complement coat colour.

COAT COLOUR: All colours and patterns are acceptable.

COAT:

Coat length: Two lengths - short and long. The differences in coat length are most obviously seen on the tail and ruff. On the shorthairs the tail hair is the same length as the coat and tail curls are plush and lie compactly around the tail. The ruff is the same length as the coat fur. On the longhairs, the tail curls are plummy and stand out away from the tail. Hairs forming the ruff are longer and frame the face.

Shorthair - Texture:

The coat texture is soft, plush, full and obviously curly. The coat is dense and full with no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. The coat stands out from the body and should not appear flat or close lying.

Longhair - Texture:

The coat texture is soft, full, and obviously curly. It does not feel or appear to be as plush as the shorthair coat, however, should not appear to be thin. The coat is dense and full with no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. The coat may stand out from the body but may appear and feel less than plush, but not close-lying.

Curl:

This is a random, unstructured coat, arranged in loose, individual curls. The curls appear to be in "clumps" or "ringlets" rather than as an all over wave. Although curl varies according to hair length, sex and age, the entire coat should show the effect of the rex gene. Curliness may be more evident around the neck, on the tail and the belly. Allowance should be made for less curl on younger adults and kittens.

FAULTS

Any defects as listed under the Relevant to all Breeds Section.

Major awards may be withheld, depending on the degree of the faults:

- Excessive cobbiness or sleek oriental appearance.

Disqualify:

- Extreme nose break
- Lack of visible muzzle
- Malocclusion
- Tail kinks
- No evidence of curl.

Allowable outcross breeds:

- Selkirk Rex, British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Kittens born before January 1, 1998 may also show American Shorthair.
- Kittens born on or after January 1, 2010 may have only Selkirk Rex or British Shorthair parents.
- Kittens born on or after January 1, 2015 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

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SCALE OF POINTS

Head	Skull	10
	Muzzle, chin and nose	10
	Ears and eyes	10
Body	Torso	15
	Legs and paws	10
	Tail	5
Coat	Texture	10
	Density	10
	Curl	10
Colour; including eye colour		10
TOTAL		100