

# **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.

<b>HEAD:</b>	Round. Round face with full cheeks. Good breadth of skull with round underlying bone structure.
<b>EARS</b>	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.
<b>EYES</b>	Large, round and well opened. Set wide apart with no tendency to oriental shape.
<b>NOSE</b>	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
<b>CHIN</b>	Strong, firm and deep. Tip of the chin to line up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane
<b>NECK</b>	Short and thick
<b>BODY</b>	Cobby with short level back. Low on legs. Broad deep chest. Equally massive across shoulders and rump. Medium to large but not rangy.
<b>LEGS &amp; PAWS</b>	Legs short and strong. Paws round and firm. Toes carried close.
<b>TAIL</b>	Thick. Medium length. Thicker at base with rounded tip and well furnished
<b>COAT</b>	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**

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

## **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) Domestic Longhair\* or Domestic Shorthair\*.

\*These outcrosses will be permissible from 2020 until end 2023