

DEVON REX **Standard of Excellence**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Devon Rex is a breed of unique appearance, and originated in Devon, England in 1960. Its large eyes, short muzzle, prominent cheekbones, and huge, low-set ears create a characteristic elfin look. A cat of medium fine frame, the Devon is well covered with soft, wavy fur; the fur is of a distinctive texture, as the mutation which causes its wavy coat is cultivated in no other breed. The Devon is alert and active and shows a lively interest in its surroundings.

Head	Wedge shaped with face full cheeked. Short muzzle with strong chin and whisker break. Nose with a strongly marked stop. Forehead curving back to a flat skull. Viewed from the front, the head should show three distinctive curves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chin through muzzle. • Cheekbone. • Outer line of ear.
Ears	Large, set rather low, very wide at base, tapering to rounded tops and well covered with fine fur. With or without earmuffs.
Eyes	Wide set, large, oval shaped and sloping towards outer edges of ears. Colour in keeping with coat colour or, except in Si-Rex, chartreuse, green or yellow.
Body, Legs and Neck	Body hard and muscular, slender and of medium length, broad in chest, carried high on slim legs, with length of hind legs emphasized. Paws small and oval. Neck slender.
Tail	Long, fine and tapering, well covered with short fur.
Coat	<p>Density: The cat is well covered with fur, with the greatest density occurring on the back, sides, tail, legs, face, and ears. Slightly less density is permitted on the top of the head, neck chest, and abdomen. Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults; however the existence of down on the underparts of the body should not be misinterpreted as bareness. Sparse hair on the temples (forehead in front of the ears) is not a fault.</p> <p>Texture: The coat is soft, fine, full-bodied, and rexed (i.e. appearing to be without guard hairs.)</p> <p>Length: The coat is short on the back, sides, upper legs, and tail. It is very short on the head, ears, neck, paws, chest, and abdomen. Kittens may have very short fur all over; even if not long enough to wave, it must cover the kitten evenly, so that no bare patches are evident.</p> <p>Waviness: A rippled wave effect should be apparent when the coat is smoothed with one's hand. The wave is most evident where the coat is the longest, on the body and tail.</p> <p>Very short and fine, wavy, curly and soft, can have a rippled effect. Whiskers and eyebrows crinkled, rather coarse, and of medium length.</p>
Colours	All colours acceptable.

Faults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straight or shaggy coat. • Bare patches to be considered a fault in kittens and a serious fault in cats. • Narrow, long or British type head. • Cobby body. • Lack of firm muscles. • Small or high set ears. • Short, bare or bushy tail.
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head, (incl. size & shape), Ears & Eyes	30
Body, Legs, Neck, & Tail	30
Coat, incl. colour, density, texture, length & waviness	40

RECOGNISED COLOURS

- All colours and patterns are acceptable.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES: None