

Preliminary Standard for Gaelic Fold LH and SH

General Description

The Gaelic Fold's distinctive short legs are the inherited trait from the Munchkin and Napoleon. The ears are the distinctive trait inherited from the Scottish and Highland Fold. Overall the Gaelic Fold is a medium size and boned cat with rounded contours of a medium head length copped with folded ears.

The medium length rounded body is composed of medium boning, must not be too fine or too heavy in boning. Set on short legs with the hind legs that maybe slightly longer than the front. Ending with a medium to long in length flexible tail. Show robust health, alertness and gentle temperament.

Head: Of medium length with an underlying roundness, boarder than long. Muzzle to show roundness. No expression of being wedge shaped. Rounded forehead

Nose: medium short, broadish not narrow. A slight stop is permitted. No break indent.

Chin: Even bite, full fitting into the contours of the rounded muzzle. Not narrow, firm chin

Ears: Set far apart and folded downward and forward fitting into the roundness of the skull, in a cap like fashion. A smaller tighter fold is preferred over a large loose fold. Ear tips to be rounded. Three styles of fold single, double, treble

Eyes: large round giving a sweet expression to the face. Set apart with nose centered in between. Eye colour to conform to coat colour.

Profile: firm chin, medium short nose with a slight stop flowing into a medium rounded forehead.

Neck: Medium length and width

Body: of medium length must not be too short or too long. Back to be level. A slight rise from shoulders to rump allowable. Chest rounded. Firm hip, middle roundish. Medium boning.

Legs: short medium boning a substantial feel, firm musculature. Forelegs to be of equal length. Hind legs equal in length although maybe slightly longer than forelegs.

Feet: Well rounded pointing forward 5 toes on front paws, 4 toes on back paws

Tail: To be medium long in length. Should be flexible and tapering. No evidence of stiffness. A longer taping tail is preferred.

Coat:

Shorthair: Dense plush short to medium in length, but obviously shorthair. Soft in texture standing away from the body. Not flat or close lying.

Longhair: medium to long in length. Full on the face and head desirable but a shortish length, but decidedly long acceptable. Body to have a full coat with a ruff. Tail a full plume with feathered britches. Texture is soft not harsh

Condition: Good firm musculature well covered not skinny showing good robust health

Balance: All over should show a good balance of head flowing through legs body and tail

Faults:

Penalize:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy Brow ridge Definite nose break Lack of Mobility Wedge shaped head Narrow muzzle Bite deformity Toeing out of front feet Excessive bowing of legs Protruding sternum Flanged or shortened rib cage Poor muscle tone Small close set eyes Pale or weak eye colour
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Buttons or lockets
 Cow hocking
 Foreign Type
 Persian Type
 Asymmetric Head
 Boning too fine or heavy
 Withhold All awards: Evidence of Illness
 Poor Health
 Emaciation
 Foreshortened tail
 Splayed toes
 Palpable visible nose break

Disqualify: Kinked tail
 Malocclusion
 Lameness
 Crossed eyes/ Squint
 Sway or humped back
 Stiff rigid tail
 Polydactyl
 Monorchid/ Cryptorchid
 Unable to handle

Allowances: Females maybe smaller than males. Size is not the determining factor. Quality and balance must take preference.

Scale of Points

Head		45
Shape	5	
Ears	20	
Eyes	5	
Chin	5	
Profile	5	
Neck	5	
Body		35
Torso	5	
Legs and feet	20	
Tail	5	
Boning & musculature	5	
Coat/Colour/Pattern		10
Length/texture	5	
Colour/pattern	5	
Other		10
Condition	5	
Balance	5	

Recognized colours:

All colours

Allowable outcrosses:

All variants of Highland, Scottish, Napoleon, Gaelic Fold & Munchkin to be reviewed in 5 years
 Once in each 4th generation pedigree only without penalty conforming to generation advancement

British SH

British LH

Persian

Exotic

Himalayan

No fold to fold mating

No short leg to short leg mating

No Gaelic Fold to Gaelic Fold mating

Outlawed: Manx, Crymric Tasman Manx LH&SH any Rex breed – Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, Selkirk Rex, La Perm, Lambkin, Skookum, Sphynx Gaelic Fold variant in any other breed

ANY and ALL progeny which are NOT BOTH fold eared and short legged are to be registered as ***Gaelic FOLD VARIANTS*** and notated with the VARIANT MARKER “**GFV**” after the breed and colour number and before the litter registration number.

Adoption of the following recognised possibilities and codes for the Registry:

- a) Folded ears and short legs Registered as Gaelic Fold SH or LH with no genetic marker.(other than other mitigating genetic factors)
- b) Perk ears and short legs (Munchkin or Napoleon lookalikes) carry the marker **GFVM** or **GFVN** (dependant upon whether from a Munchkin or a Napoleon)
- c) Folded ears and long legs (Scottish or Highland Fold lookalikes) carry the marker **GFVE**.
- d) Perk ears and long legs (Scottish SH/LH) carry the marker **GFVS**.