

## LaPERM Shorthair & Longhair Standard of Excellence

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The La Perm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both longhaired and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized, curly-coated, and of semi-foreign type. All colours are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. Males may be larger than females. The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on its feet. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed

Head Shape	A modified, slightly rounded wedge. The forehead should be moderate in width with gentle contours from side to side. There should be a smooth continuation from the forehead and over top of the head.
Eyes	Medium large and expressive. Almond shaped at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted to the bottom of the outside ear base. Eye colour has no relation to coat colour.
Muzzle	Slightly broad in proportion to the wedge. Allowances should be made for jowls on mature males.
Profile	Straight nose with gentle convex curve rising from the base of the eye to the top of the eye. Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing down into neck. The brow, cheeks and profile should show gentle contours, with each flowing smoothly into the next.
Ears	Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head; slightly flared and cupped; medium to large with furnishings and earmuffs. Lynx tipping is desired.
Neck	Carried erect. Medium long in proportion to body length.
Chin	Strong and firm. Is in a perpendicular line with tip of nose.
Nose	Broad and straight with moderate length.
Body	Medium long.
Legs & Feet	Medium long to match the body. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. Boning is medium. Feet are rounded.
Tail	In proportion to body. The Longhair will have a full plume tail and the Shorthair will have a "bottle brush" tail. The tail will be thicker at the base and taper toward the tip.
Boning	Medium.
Musculature	Well-muscled.

Coat Length Longhair	Medium-long to long; both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The tail is plumed with some curling.
Coat Length Shorthair	Short to approximately medium long. There is no ruff. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy.

Coat Texture Longhair	Curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. It is not wiry. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body. A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the "Gypsy Shag" look). Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff and base of ear. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat.
Coat Texture Shorthair	Curly or wavy. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. It is not wiry. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. A spring coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be like a bottle-brush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.
Patterns & Colours	All.

Allowances	Lockets, a frizzy-type appearance. <i>White lockets and buttons are undesirable. Penalty but not disqualify.</i>
Penalise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of ear furnishings (Longhair).</li> <li>• Lack of, or short whiskers. Allowances for kittens.</li> </ul>
Withhold All Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cobby body.</li> <li>• Short legs.</li> <li>• Straight coat.</li> </ul>

## SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head incl. Size, Shape, Muzzle & Chin, Profile, Ears, and Eyes	34
Body incl. Torso, Neck, Legs, Feet and Tail	23
Coat – Texture and Length – 20 Curl or Waviness - 20	40
Colour and Pattern	3

## RECOGNISED COLOURS

All Colours.

### Allowable Outcrosses:

*NZ Shorthair or Longhair.*

*Gen 2 Experimental Breeds when in a programme pre-approved by the Board until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.*

*Gen 1 Experimental Breeds when in a programme pre-approved by the Board until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.*