

MANX **Standard of Excellence**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The overall appearance should be that of a medium-sized, compact, muscular cat. The Manx has a head that is fairly round and large with a firm muzzle and prominent cheeks, short front legs, height of hindquarters, great depth of flank, and a short back which forms a smooth continuous arch from the shoulders to the round rump. The coat is short well-padded with a crisp texture, which varies with coat colour. Sparse furnishing in the ears and no tufts between the toes exemplify the Manx as a shorthair cat.

Manx are slow in maturing and allowance should be made for young cats in judging depth of flank, stud jowls in the male, **palm of the hand ONLY**. The flank should have greater depth than any other breed, adding much to the short, cobby appearance.

Head	Fairly round and large with prominent cheeks. Nose broad and straight, of medium length without break. Strong muzzle without any hint of snipyness. Firm chin and even bite. Stud jowls in the mature stud cat.
Ears	Rather wide at base, tapering to rounded tip. Medium-sized, set wide apart; when viewed from behind, they resemble the rocker of a cradle. Hair may be tufted with sparse furnishings .
Eyes	Rounded and large angled, slightly higher at the outer edge of the eye. Colour conforms to coat colour but should only be considered if all other points are equal.
Chin	Strong.
Muzzle	Slightly longer than broad with definite muzzle break. Round whisker pads.
Profile	Gentle nose dip with a moderately rounded forehead.
Neck	Short and thick.

Body (Torso)	Cobby, medium-sized body. Great depth of flank, short back which forms a smooth continuous arch from the shoulders to the round rump. Body should not be so short that it appears out of balance.
Legs	Sturdy boning and well-muscled. Forelegs shorter than hind legs. Hind legs, with substantial musculature, should be straight when viewed from behind.
Feet	Round shape of medium size. Suggestion of toe tufts in the Cymric.
Tail	Appears tailless. No penalty for a rise of bone or cartilage, which does not stop the judge's hand when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump.

Coat Length	Double coat is short and dense with a well-padded quality due to the longer, open outer coat and the close cottony undercoat. Coat may be thinner during the summer months.
Coat Texture	Texture of outer guard hairs is somewhat hard, appearance is glossy. A softer coat may occur in whites and dilutes due to colour/texture gene link but should not be confused with the silky texture found in the Longhair Manx.

Disqualify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of poor physical condition. • Incorrect number of toes. • Evidence of hybridisation. • Evidence of weakness in the hindquarters.
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Head, incl. Shape, Ears, Eyes, Chin, Nose, Muzzle, Profile and Neck	35
Body, incl. Torso, Legs & Feet, Tail, Boning & Musculature	40
Coat (Length, Texture, Colour & Pattern)	15
Other (Balance & Condition)	10

RECOGNISED COLOURS:

**All traditional colours except those showing evidence of hybridisation.
No Pointed Pattern, Chocolate/Lilac series or Cinnamon/Fawn series.**

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Selected Breed Registration rules apply.

Tailed Manx or Cymric.

(Shorthairs registered as Manx and Longhairs registered as Cymric).

NZ Shorthair or Longhair.

British Shorthair or Longhair.

OUTLAWED: Scottish or Highland Fold