

## **MUNCHKIN Shorthair & Longhair** **Standard of Excellence**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Munchkin's distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation that has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats.

The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled.

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| <b>Head</b> | <b>Shape</b>         | Broad modified wedge with rounded contours.  |
|             | <b>Size</b>          | Medium, in proportion to body.   |
|             | <b>Profile</b>       | Slight stop.   |
|             | <b>Forehead</b>      | Flat.  |
|             | <b>Muzzle Length</b> | Medium.  |
|             | <b>Top of Head</b>   | Slightly rounded.  |
|             | <b>Nose</b>          | Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable.                                       |
|             | <b>Cheek bones</b>   | High and moderately pronounced.  |
|             | <b>Chin</b>          | Firm, but not unusually prominent.   |
|             | <b>Miscellaneous</b> | Stud jowls in males. Heads on males may appear broader.                            |
| <b>Ears</b> | <b>Shape</b>         | Broader at base, ending in slightly rounded tips.                                  |
|             | <b>Size</b>          | Medium to medium large (in proportion with head).                                  |
|             | <b>Placement</b>     | As much on top of the head as on the sides; not flaring; alert.                    |
|             | <b>Furnishings</b>   | Long hair acceptable.  |
| <b>Eyes</b> | <b>Shape</b>         | Walnut.  |
|             | <b>Size</b>          | Medium large.  |
|             | <b>Placement</b>     | Rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression.                            |
|             | <b>Angle</b>         | Slight angle toward the base of the ears.  |
|             | <b>Colour</b>        | No relationship between coat and eye colour. Deeper, more vivid colours preferred. |

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| <b>Neck</b> | <b>Length</b>        | Medium in length.  |
|             | <b>Shape</b>         | Thick.   |
|             | <b>Muscle</b>        | Firmly muscled.  |
|             | <b>Miscellaneous</b> | Not extremely long nor overly short and thick.   |
| <b>Body</b> | <b>Body Type</b>     | Thick semi-foreign body.   |
|             | <b>Size</b>          | Medium.  |
|             | <b>Length</b>        | Medium-long.   |
|             | <b>Back</b>          | Slight rise from the shoulders to tail as the back legs are slightly longer than front legs. |
|             | <b>Boning</b>        | Medium.  |
|             | <b>Musculature</b>   | Medium to substantial.   |
|             | <b>Chest</b>         | Well-rounded.  |
|             | <b>Hips</b>          | Firm.  |
|             | <b>Females</b>       | May be smaller than males.   |
| <b>Tail</b> | <b>Shape</b>         | Medium thickness, tapering to a rounded tip.   |
|             | <b>Length</b>        | In proportion to body.   |
|             | <b>Miscellaneous</b> | Carried erect when in motion.  |
| <b>Legs</b> | <b>Fore-Legs</b>     | Upper and lower forelegs equal in length.  |
|             | <b>Hind-Legs</b>     | Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Slightly longer than front legs.          |
|             | <b>Length</b>        | Short.   |
|             | <b>Boning</b>        | Medium, may feel slightly heavier.   |
|             | <b>Miscellaneous</b> | Very slight bowing, in front legs, allowed.  |
| <b>Feet</b> | <b>Shape</b>         | Round, compact.  |
|             | <b>Size</b>          | Medium (females), medium large (males).  |

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| <b>Coat Shorthair</b> | <b>Length</b>        | Medium. Solids may have a less dense coat. |
|                       | <b>Texture</b>       | Plush, all-weather, resilient.             |
|                       | <b>Undercoat</b>     | Medium.                                    |
|                       | <b>Miscellaneous</b> | Lustrous appearance.                       |
| <b>Coat Longhair</b>  | <b>Length</b>        | Semi-long.                                 |
|                       | <b>Texture</b>       | Silky.                                     |
|                       | <b>Density</b>       | Moderate.                                  |
|                       | <b>Undercoat</b>     | Medium.                                    |
|                       | <b>Ruff</b>          | Slight to moderate ruff permissible.       |
|                       | <b>Britches</b>      | Shaggy.                                    |
|                       | <b>Tail</b>          | Full plume.                                |

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| <b>Allowances</b>          | White lockets or buttons are undesirable. Penalty but not disqualify.   |
| <b>Faults</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cow hocking.</li> <li>• Excessive bowing.</li> <li>• Protruding sternum.</li> <li>• Foreign type.</li> <li>• Snub or excessively long nose.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Withhold All Awards</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sway back.</li> </ul>  |

### **SCALE OF POINTS SH & LH**

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| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100 points</b> |
| <b>Head incl. Shape, Ears, Eyes &amp; Set</b>        | <b>25</b>         |
| <b>Body, incl. Neck, Torso, Tail &amp; Condition</b> | <b>25</b>         |
| <b>Legs</b>  | <b>25</b>         |
| <b>Coat - 10. Colour &amp; Markings – 15</b>         | <b>25</b>         |

**RECOGNISED COLOURS:** All Colours acceptable.

### **ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:**

Departure for Generational advancement.

NZ Shorthair or NZ Longhair.

Munchkin Variant.(Long legs).

Gen 2 Experimental Breeds until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Gen 1 Experimental Breed to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Napoleon (Gen 1 only) to produce Gen 2 Munchkin only.