

SCOTTISH FOLD **Standard of Excellence**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Scottish Fold cat occurred as a spontaneous mutation in farm cats in Scotland. All bona fide Scottish Fold cats trace their pedigree to Susie, the first fold-ear cat discovered by the founders of the breed, William and Mary Ross. The breed was subsequently established by outcrosses to both British Shorthair and domestic cats in Scotland and England. In America the outcross is the American and British Shorthair. One word can describe the Scottish Fold and that is **round** in every sense of the word. Round head, body, eyes, and feet. It is best known for its distinctive ears and large, round eyes, which give it a sweet, open expression. They retain a "kittenish" expression their entire life. The Scottish Fold is medium in size with a plush, dense coat.

Head	Well rounded with a firm chin and jaw. Muzzle to have well rounded whisker pads. Head should blend into a short neck. Prominent cheeks with a jowly appearance in males.
Eyes	Wide open with a sweet expression. Large, well rounded, and separated by a broad nose. Eye colour to correspond with coat colour. Blue-eyed and odd-eyed are allowed for white and vi-colour and van patterns.
Nose	Nose to be short with a gentle curve. A brief stop is permitted but a definite nose break is considered a fault. Profile is moderate in appearance.
Ears	Fold forward and downward. Small, the smaller, tightly folded ear preferred over a loose fold and large ear. The ears should be set in a caplike fashion to expose a rounded cranium. Ear tips to be rounded.
Body	Medium, rounded, and even from shoulder to pelvic girdle. The cat should stand firm with a well padded body. There must be no hint of thickness or lack of mobility in the cat due to short, coarse legs. Toes to be neat and well rounded with five in front and four behind. Overall appearance is that of a well founded cat with medium bone; fault cats obviously lacking in type. Females may be slightly smaller.
Tail	Tail should be medium to long but in proportion to the body. It should be flexible and tapering. Longer, tapering tail preferred.
Coat	Dense, plush, even. Short to medium-short in length. Soft in texture. Full of life. Standing away from the body due to density, not flat or close lying. Coat texture may vary due to colour and/or regional/seasonal changes.
Colour & Pattern	All traditional and pointed colours accepted.

Balance	Body should be medium and well balanced and well proportioned.
Condition	Must exhibit a healthy condition.
Temperament	Unchallenging. The Scottish Fold is a sweet-tempered, affectionate cat and enjoys being with people.

Penalise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A heavy brow ridge, as it closes down the face, making the cat look as if it is scowling or frowning and detracts from the sweet, open expression. The forehead should be smooth. • A definite nose break is considered a fault. • Any hint of lack of mobility in the cat due to short coarse legs.
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Withhold All Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of illness. • Poor health. • Emaciation. • Kinked tail. • Tail that is foreshortened. • Tail lacking in flexibility. • Splayed toes, incorrect number of toes. • Visible or palpable nose break.
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SCALE OF POINTS

Total	100 points
Ears	30
Head	20
Eyes	15
Body & Tail	25
Colour	10

RECOGNISED COLOURS:

All colours

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Scottish or Highland Variant.

British Shorthair or Longhair.

No Fold to Fold breedings allowed.

OUTLAWED: Manx or Cymric or Manx & Cymric Variants