

SELKIRK REX

Standard of Excellence

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A fairly new breed, developed in 1987 in Wyoming, U.S.A. The Selkirk Rex is likened to a poodle or sheep and is known as being debonair though playful.

The Selkirk Rex is different to the other Rexes in that its "rexing" is the result of a dominant gene affecting the guard, down and awn hairs and shows loose individual curls. As the original Selkirk Rex carried the longhair gene, the Selkirk Longhair is part of the breed group. As it takes up to two years for the coat to develop, kittens are mainly judged on head and body type.

Head	Round and full-cheeked, forehead rounded. Top of head gently rounded. Short muzzle, with a nose stop which gives a very unique profile. The squared-off muzzle is clearly visible beyond the cheek. Shows curly whiskers.
Neck	Short, thick neck.
Nose	Medium-broad. Faults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nose break.
Ears	Medium sized ears, pointed, are set well apart on the broad head.
Eye Shape	Round and set far apart.
Eye Colour	All colours permitted, but pointed cats should have blue eyes.
Body	Muscular rectangular torso.
Legs	Medium sized legs, substantially boned, complimented by large round feet. Hind legs are slightly longer than front legs.
Paws	Large round feet.
Tail	Thick medium long tail, tapers slightly to a rounded tip.
Coat	Thick, medium length coat, arranged in loose individual curls, particularly prominent in the neck and tail areas. Guard hairs are slightly coarse, but the overall effect is still soft and plush. The curliness of the coat on the saddle area of the back is variable due to climate, seasons and hormones, particularly in the female. The curly coat takes up to two years to develop.
Colour	All colours are allowed. White lockets are permitted.
Pattern	All patterns are allowed. White lockets are permitted.
Condition	Muscular.
Allowable Outcrosses	British and Persians.

SCALE OF POINTS

Total			100 points
Head	Incl. Neck and Nose	25	
	Ears	5	
	Eye Shape & Colour	5	35
Body	Incl. Legs and Paws	20	
	Tail	5	25
Coat	Incl. Colour & Pattern		30
Condition			10

RECOGNISED COLOURS:

All Traditional Colours.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

British Shorthair or Longhair.

Persian, Himalayan or Exotic Shorthair.

All outcrosses to be reviewed 30th June 2015.