

# CORNISH REX

## GENERAL STANDARD

*The Cornish Rex is an elegant, well-muscled, alert, medium-sized cat of foreign type. Its most distinctive features are its short, soft, plush, rippling or wavy coat, its longish head, large ears and characteristic tuck up of the stomach. Males are generally larger than females.*

**HEAD:** Of good length, about one third longer than its maximum width. From the front, it is of medium width across the skull, narrowing to a medium wedge with a strong chin and may have a slight indentation at the muzzle. In profile, a straight line extends from the tip of the nose to the centre of the forehead. This continues into a flat skull, followed by a gentle curve over the back of the head, flowing into the neck.

**EARS:** Large and angled slightly outwards, set rather high on the head, neither low nor flared. They are wide at the base and tapering to rounded tips, well covered in fine fur.

**EYES:** Medium-sized and oval in shape, angled slightly down to the nose.

**NOSE:** Straight.

**CHEEKS:** Marginally broader than the line of the wedge.

**JAWS:** Strong, of medium width and not blunt or pointed.

**CHIN:** Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

**NECK:** Elegant, of medium fineness and flowing smoothly into the body.

**BODY:** Slender, hard and muscular. It is medium long. A very slight arch in the back rather than a straight spine line.

**TAIL:** Long, fine and tapering, in proportion to the body and is well covered with wavy fur.

**LEGS:** Long, slender, straight and in proportion to the body, with the hind legs being slightly longer than the front, giving the appearance of being on tiptoes.

**PAWS:** Small and oval.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head and neck</b>	15	
<b>Ears</b>	10	
<b>Eye shape and set</b>	5	<b>30</b>
<b>Body</b>	15	
<b>Tail</b>	5	
<b>Legs and paws</b>	5	<b>25</b>
<b>Coat coverage, wave, texture and length</b>	35	
<b>Crinkly whiskers and eyebrows</b>	5	<b>40</b>
<b>Condition</b>	5	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## FAULTS / PENALTIES

**REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:**

**PENALISE:**

- Guard hairs, shaggy, coarse or too short a coat, too little coverage.
- Not waved, bare or bushy tail.
- Straight coat along spine line.
- Lack of muscle tone.
- Small ears.
- Incorrect eye shape.
- Dip in profile.
- Whisker break or muzzle pinch.
- Lack of stomach tuck.
- Marked arch in back.

**WITHHOLD:**

- Baldness.
- Bare patches or straight coat.
- Body which is too fine or too short and thickset.

## COAT AND COLOUR

**COAT TEXTURE AND LENGTH:** Short, soft and plushy, without guard hairs and should wave, ripple or curl. The whiskers and eyebrows are crinkled, rather coarse and of medium length. All colours and patterns are accepted. There are no points for coat colour. Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults.

**CONDITION:** Well muscled, lively and alert.

**EYE COLOUR:** Any colour acceptable, clear and bright, in harmony with coat colour. It **MUST** be blue in pointed