

BREED SELKIRK REX/ SELKIRK REX LONGHAIR

GENERAL The Selkirk Rex is produced by a dominant gene affecting the guard, down and awn hairs. The curl is most prominent around the neck and tail in both coat lengths. Guard hairs tend to have a coarse texture, but the coat is very dense and overall soft and plush. The whiskers are curly as are the eyebrows. The Selkirk Rex is a medium to large cat with good balance between legs and body. Heavy boning gives the cat surprising weight. Females are less massive than males, but both sexes have definite jowls. Coat continues to develop until about 2 years of age, so kittens should be judged mainly on head and body type. Kittens are curly at birth and may lose their coat and begin to develop an adult curly coat at 8-10 months of age.

HEAD

- SHAPE** Round, broad and full-cheeked in both males and females. Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch from the stop to the back of the head as well as across the breadth of the forehead and between the ears.
- EYES** Large, rounded, set well apart. The eyes should not appear almond or oval-shaped. The outside corner is set very slightly higher than the inner corner, giving a sweet open expression to the face.
- EARS** Medium in size, broad at the base, tapering, set well apart. Should fit into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head. Furnishings, if present, are curly.
- PROFILE** Profile shows a muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of the nose and the upper lip in the same vertical plane. Profile reveals a nose stop.
- CHIN** Firm and well-developed, balanced in proportion to the rest of the head and should be neither receding, protruding, nor excessively massive. Either level or scissors bite is considered correct (level bite - top and bottom front teeth meet evenly. Scissors bite - inside edge of top front teeth touch outside edge of lower front teeth).
- MUZZLE** Medium width. The underlying bone structure is rounded with well-padded whisker pads to give the impression of squareness. The length is equal to 1/2 the width
- NOSE** The nose has a downward slant with a convex curve and is set below the eye line.

	NECK	Short and thick. Curly fur prominent on neck.
BODY	TORSO	Medium to large and well-balanced. The substantial muscular torso is more rectangular than square, but not long. Back is straight with a slight rise to the hindquarters. Shoulders and hip should appear to be the same width.
	LEGS AND FEET	The legs are medium length, substantial tail boning. And the feet should be large, firm and round.
	TAIL	Medium length, proportionate to body. Heavy at base, tapering to rounded tip.
	MUSCULATURE	Substantial.
COAT COLOR PATTERN	TEXTURE	Soft and plush. SR: Double coat, with thick undercoat and deep waves with curled ends. SRL: Loose individual curls.
	DENSITY	Dense and full with no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. SR: The coat stands out from the body and should not appear flat or close-lying. SRL: The coat may stand out from the body but may appear less than plush, but not close-lying.
	LENGTH	Two lengths - short and long. The differences in coat length are most obviously seen on the tail and ruff. SR: The tail hair is the same length as the coat and tail curls are plush and lie compactly around the tail. The ruff is the same length as the coat fur. SRL: The tail curls are plummy and stand out away from the tail. The ruff hairs are also longer and frame the face.

CURL

This is a random, unstructured coat, arranged in loose, individual curls. The curls appear to be in “clumps” rather than as an all over wave. Although curl varies by hair length, sex and age in an individual, the entire coat should show the effect of the rex gene. Curliness may be evident more around the neck, on the tail and the belly. Allowance should be made for less curl on younger adults and kittens.

COLOR VARIETIES

All colors and patterns are recognized. Any amount of white is permitted. The description of colors is listed in the general list of colors.

PENALIZE

Excessive cobbliness or sleek oriental appearance.

DISQUALIFY

Extreme nose break.
Lack of visible muzzle,
No evidence of curl.
Misaligned bite.
Crossed eyes.
Kinked tail.
Obvious physical deformities.

SCORE

Head
40 points

Shape 6
Ears 8
Eyes 8
Chin 5
Muzzle 5
Nose 2
Neck 2
Profile 4

Body
23 points

Torso 5
Legs 2
Feet 2
Tail 6
Boning 3
Musculature 5

Coat/Color/Pattern
27 points

Texture & Curl 17
Length 8
Color 2

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

American Shorthair, British Shorthair/ Longhair, Persian, Himalayan, Exotic Shorthair/ Longhair.