

BREED CORNISH REX

GENERAL The Cornish Rex is distinguished from all other breeds by its extremely soft, wavy coat and racy type. It is surprisingly heavy and warm to the touch. All contours of the Cornish Rex are gently curved. By nature, the Cornish Rex is alert, intelligent and generally likes to be handled.

HEAD	SHAPE	Comparatively small and egg shaped. Length about one-third greater than the width. A definite whisker break, oval with gently curving outline in front and in profile.
	EYES	Medium to large in size, oval in shape, and slanting slightly upward. A full eye's width apart. Color should be clear, intense, and appropriate to coat color.
	EARS	Large and full from the base, erect and alert; set high on the head.
	PROFILE	A curve comprised of two convex arcs. The forehead is rounded, the nose break smooth and mild, and the Roman nose has a high prominent bridge.
	CHIN	Strong, well-developed. There should be a straight line from nose to chin, neither receding nor protruding, and in keeping with the rounded egg-shape.
	MUZZLE	Narrowing slightly to a rounded end.
	NOSE	Roman. Length is one-third length of head. In profile a straight line from end of nose to chin with considerable depth and squarish effect.
	NECK	Slender and medium in length.
BODY	TORSO	Long, with full and deep rib cage. Trunk follows upward curve of back bone forming a "tuck-up" with rounded hips that are somewhat heavy in proportion to rest of body. Small to medium in size, males proportionately larger.

LEGS AND FEET The legs are very long and slender. Thighs well-muscled, somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body. The Cornish Rex stands high on its legs. And the feet should be small, dainty and slightly oval.

TAIL Long and slender, tapering toward the end and extremely flexible.

MUSCULATURE Hard and muscular.

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN**

TEXTURE Fine, soft hair should have distinct ridges giving it a wavelike appearance. Not shaggy, but slightly plush and dense, close lying to the body, without guard hairs. Like velvet pile on head and legs.
Wavy, particularly on the back and sides.

LENGTH Short.

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

Lack of a definite muzzle break.
Extreme wedge-shaped head.
Bareness on large portion of the body, except ears and tail.

DISQUALIFY

Kinked or abnormal tail.
Incorrect number of toes.
Any coarse or guard hairs.
Any signs of lameness in the hindquarters.
Signs of poor health.

SCORE

Head
35 points

Shape 8
Ears 8
Eyes 5
Chin/ Muzzle 5
Nose 2
Neck 2
Profile 5

Body
20 points

Torso 10
Legs and Feet 5
Tail 5

Coat/Color/Pattern
35 points

Texture 5
Waviness/ Density 23
Length 5
Color/ Pattern 2

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

None

