

# **BREED AMERICAN CURL/ AMERICAN CURL LONGHAIR**

**GENERAL** The distinctive feature of the American Curl is their attractive, large, uniquely curled-back ears, crowning the stylish modified wedge shaped head, emphasized by their elegant semi-foreign body structure (AC), enhanced by their semi-long coat, balanced by a plumed tail (ACL). This spontaneous ear mutation in the domestic cat population of the United States, was first identified on a petite, semi- longhaired female named Shulamith, located in Southern California, in 1981. The American Curl Breed Standard is written with preference for the smaller female, allowances made for male joweling. American Curls are well balanced, moderately muscled, rather than large in structure. Females weight 5-8 pounds (2.2-3.6 kilo), males weight 7-10 pounds (3.1-4.5 kilo). Because of their domestic origin, American Curls are accepted in all colors and patterns. They are intelligent, alert and active with gentle, even dispositions, developing strong bonds with their humans.

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	The head is longer than broad and has a rounded wedge shape without flat planes. approximately 1-1/2 times longer than wide.smooth transitions.
	<b>EYES</b>	Walnut, oval on top and round on bottom. Set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose one eye width apart. The eyes size are moderately large. Color: clear, brilliant, no relation to coat color except blue eyes required in colorpoint class.
	<b>EARS</b>	Minimum 90-degree arc of curl not to exceed 180 degrees. Firm cartilage from ear base to at least one-third of height of ear. Wide at base and open; curving back in a smooth curve, following an open circular line. Cartilage should be smooth to the touch, hardly thicker than a normal non-curled ear. Tips rounded and flexible. Moderately large in proportion to head. Erect, set equally on top and side of head. Furnishings are desirable. Aesthetically pleasing to view from every angle. NOTE: When American Curls are alert with their ears swiveled toward the front, lines following through the curve of the ears should point to the center of the base of the skull.
	<b>PROFILE</b>	Nose straight. Slight rise from bottom of eyes to brow line. Slight curve from brow to top of head, flowing into neck without a break.
	<b>MUZZLE/CHIN</b>	The muzzle is Neither pointed nor square.rounded with gentle transition, no pronounced whisker break. The chin should be well-developed, firm, in line with nose and upper lip.

<b>BODY</b>	<b>TORSO</b>	Semi-foreign rectangle, length one and onehalf times height at shoulder, medium depth of chest and flank.	
	<b>LEGS AND FEET</b>	The legs are Length medium in proportion to body; set straight when viewed from front or rear. And the feet should be medium and rounded.	
	<b>TAIL</b>	Flexible, wide at base and tapering; equal to body length.	
	<b>MUSCULATURE</b>	Medium, neither fine-boned nor heavyboned. Moderate strength and tone.flexible.	
	<b>COAT COLOR PATTERN</b>	<b>TEXTURE</b>	<b>AC:</b> Soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel. Minimal undercoat. <b>ACL:</b> Fine, silky, laying flat. Minimal undercoat.
		<b>PATTERN</b>	Well-defined, clear pattern. Sound color.
		<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>AC:</b> Short with tail coat same length as body coat. <b>ACL:</b> Semi-long with tail coat full and plumed.
<b>COLOR VARIETIES</b>		All colors and patterns are recognized. The description of colors is listed in the general list of colors.	
<b>PENALIZE</b>	<p>Ears: low set; abrupt change of direction without smooth curve; pinch, horizontal or vertical crimp; interior surface which appears corrugated.</p> <p>Tubular or cobby body.</p> <p>Excessive size.</p> <p>Deep nose break.</p> <p><b>AC:</b> heavy undercoat, coarse texture, dense or plush coats.</p> <p><b>ACL:</b> heavy undercoat, heavy ruff, coarse or cottony texture.</p>		

**DISQUALIFY**

Extreme curl in adult where tip of ear touches back of ear or head.  
Ears that are straight, severely mismatched, thick or having inflexible tips.  
Lack of firm cartilage in base of ear.  
Ears in which the lower portion of the ear is abnormally flattened, has compressed ridges of cartilage.  
Does not have a normal, visible ear cavity.  
Tail faults.

**SCORE**

**Head**  
40 points

Shape 6  
Ears 20  
Eyes 5  
Chin 2  
Muzzle 2  
Profile 5

**Body**  
30 points

Torso 10  
Legs and feet 5  
Tail 5  
Boning Musculature 10

**Coat/Color/Pattern**  
20 points

Texture 10  
Pattern Color 5  
Length 5

**Others**  
10 points

Condition 3  
Grooming 2  
Balance 2  
Temperament 3

**OUTCROSS**

Domestic Shorthair/ Longhair