

# **BREED LAPERM/ LAPERM SHORTHAIR**

**GENERAL** The LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized and curly-coated, with a semi-foreign type body. All colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking high on his legs. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed. Whiskers will be very long and curly, ear furnishings and eyebrow hairs may also curl and may grow long enough to curl into eye. The perfect cat will have a moderately soft, but textured coat that will be loose and bouncy, standing away from the body, resembling a "Gypsy Shag". A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin but will appear very curly. The cat will have ringlet type curls at the base of the ears and on the underside of the neck running into the ruff on the longhaired version. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy.

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	A modified wedge, slightly rounded, gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded. Forehead should be a (almost) flat plane to the top of the head. High cheek bones with gentle contours following the wedge shape. Fuller cheeks are allowed in mature males.
	<b>EYES</b>	Medium large and expressive. Almond shaped at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted to the bottom of the outside ear base. Eye color has no relation to coat color.
	<b>EARS</b>	Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head, slightly flared and cupped, medium to large with furnishings and earmuffs. Full furnishing and lynx tipping is preferred on LP but not required on LPS.
	<b>CHIN</b>	Firm, in line with the tip of the nose.
	<b>MUZZLE</b>	Slightly broad muzzle in proportion to wedge, with rounded contours.
	<b>NOSE</b>	Broad and straight with moderate length.
	<b>NECK</b>	Carried erect. Is medium long in proportion to body length.

	<b>PROFILE</b>	Straight nose with gentle convex curve rising from the base of the eye to the top of the eye, Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing down into neck. The brow, cheeks and profile should show gentle contours, with each flowing smoothly into the next.
<b>BODY</b>	<b>TORSO</b>	Moderately elegant body. Hips are slightly higher than shoulders. Balanced and in proportion. Medium in size. Length about one and half times the height at the shoulders. Medium depth of chest and flanks.
	<b>LEGS</b>	Medium long to match the body. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. Boning is medium .
	<b>FEET</b>	Rounded.
	<b>BONING</b>	Medium.
	<b>TAIL</b>	At least as long as to the shoulders, preferably to the neck. Tapering from base to tip. <b>LPL:</b> plumed with curly hair. <b>LPS:</b> covered in curly hair. Looks like a bottle brush.
	<b>MUSCULATURE</b>	Well-muscled.

**COAT  
COLOR  
PATTERN**

**TEXTURE &  
WAVINESS**

Curls and waves all over. The coat should be loose and bouncy, a coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. It is springy, light and airy enough to part with a breath. Tightest curls in the ruff and the base of the ears, which contain all hair layers. A mixture of softness and a hint of wirehair. The softness of the coat may vary among individuals and gender. Characteristic for the breed is the non seasonal moulting, which can be general or partial, leaving the cat with temporarily sparse coat or bald patches. Sparse coat is allowed in kittens.

**LPL:** Curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. **IT IS NOT WIRY.** The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body. A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the "Gypsy Shag" look). Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff and base of ear, The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat.

**LPS:** Curly or wavy. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It is a textured feel. **IT IS NOT WIRY.** The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. A springy coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be like a bottle-brush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

**LENGTH**

**LPL:** Medium-long to long; both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The tail is plumed with some curling.

**LPS:** Short to approximately medium long. There is no ruff. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy.

**COLOR VARIETIES**

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

**PENALIZE**

Lack or too short whiskers.

**LPL:** Lack of ear furnishings.

**DISQUALIFY**

Cobby body.  
Bare patches and/or too sparse coat in adults.  
Short legs.  
Straight coat.

**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 & Waviness 17  
Length 8  
Color 2

**Others**  
10 points

Condition 3  
Grooming 2  
Balance 2  
Temperament 3

**OUTCROSS**

Domestic Longhair/ Shorthair

