

## SHORTHAIR CURL

The Shorthair Curl's coat is short to medium in length. The distinctive feature of the breed is the unique, attractively curled ear: quite firm to the touch, erect and open, curving up in a gentle curl. The Shorthair Curl is a medium-sized cat, well balanced, with a feeling of unexpected weight. Conformation of the cat is more important than size. A Shorthair Curl takes two to three years to reach maturity.

Scale of points (see also General Preface)

<u>Head</u>	15	Shape: modified wedge - 5; Size: medium, slightly longer than wide - 2 Profile: nose straight, slight rise to the forehead - 3 Muzzle: gentle contours, neither pointed nor square - 3 Muzzle Break: gently curved transition, no pinch or snippiness - 2 Chin: firm - 2
<u>Ears</u>	25	Shape: wide at base, rounded tips - 7 Degree of curl: most obvious preferred - 7 Size: moderately large - 5 Placement: erect, set on corners of the head, facing outwards at a slight angle, curling back from the face and toward the center of the skull -5 Furnishings: interior furnishings do not extend beyond the outer edge of the ear - 1
<u>Eyes</u>	12	Shape: walnut-shaped - 2 Size: moderately large; alert, pleasant expression -4 Placement: one eye length apart 3 Aperture: set on a slight bias - 2 Color: no relationship with coat color, except blue eyes in pointed colors - 1
<u>Body</u>	19	Shape: semi-foreign, not cobby - 4 Size: medium, males may be larger - 3 Length: moderate, one and one-half times height at shoulder - 3 Boning: moderately heavy, but not massive - 4 Musculature: moderately developed strength and tone - 3 Neck: in proportion to body - 2
<u>Legs</u>	8	Length: medium in proportion to body; hind legs slightly longer than front legs - 2 Set: straight when viewed from front or back; not bow or cow hocked - 2 Boning: moderately heavy, but not massive - 2 Musculature: moderately developed strength and tone - 2
<u>Feet</u>	2	Shape: round - 1          Size: medium - 1
<u>Tail</u>	5	Shape: wide at base, tapering - 2 Length: in proportion to body length - 3

Coat 12 Length: short to medium, should lay flat but not close-lying. Hair on tail should be same length as on body - 4  
Undercoat: minimal, no ruff - 4  
Texture: soft, pleasing to the touch, with a lustrous sheen - 4

Color 2 All colors accepted, including pointed. White lockets, toes and groin spots acceptable in solid and pointed colors.

**PENALIZE:** Heavy undercoat, coarse textured hair, ruffs; deep nose break; donkey ears or low set ears.

**WITHHOLD WINS** An extreme curl: in an adult where the tip of the ear touches the back of the ear or the head, giving the appearance of a "rosebud" or no ear at all.