

## CORNISH REX (CR)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	29 points
Shape .....	5
Eyes ..	5
Ears .....	6
Chin .....	3
Muzzle .....	4
Profile .....	4
Neck .....	2

<b>BODY</b> .....	29 points
Torso .....	8
Feet .....	2
Tail .....	4
Boning .....	8
Musculature .....	7

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b>	32 points
Length .....	4
Texture .....	26
Color .....	2

<b>OTHER</b> .....	10 points
Balance .....	5
Condition .....	5

**CATEGORIES:** All

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:**  
American Shorthair, British Shorthair,  
European Shorthair.

### HEAD:

Shape: Medium, egg-shaped with a pronounced occiput, accentuating the oval. Longer than wide, but not extremely long.

Eyes: Medium sized, oval in shape. Set an eye's width apart and slanting slightly upward. Color in keeping with coat color.

Ears: Large. Deep conical shape with a modified point. Set high, but not so high as to suggest "donkey" ears. Usually naked on outer surface.

Chin: There should be a straight line from nose to chin, neither receding nor protruding, and in keeping with the rounded egg-shape.

Muzzle: Definite break.

Profile: Roman, with a high, prominent bridge. There can be a very slight change of direction, even with the eyes, separating two convex curves or one continuous convex curve.

Neck: Slender and medium in length.

### BODY:

Shape: 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.

Boning: Very fine.

Musculature: Hard and muscular.

Tail: Long, slender and tapering slightly from body to end. Covered with fine dense hair with waves preferred, but no penalty for baldness on upper surface of tail. Abnormality of the tail should not be confused with a slight natural curve of the last vertebrae found in some Cornish Rex.

Feet: Small, oval.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Short.

Texture: Fine, soft hair should have distinct ridges giving it a wavelike appearance. Like velvet pile on head and legs.

Color: Recognized in all colors.

### OTHER:

Condition: Hard and muscular with no indication of obesity or emaciation. Abdomen tight. Eyes bright and clear. Coat with healthy sheen. An overall appearance of health and vitality.

Balance: The overall physical appearance of the cat should be a distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles with each part in proper proportion to the whole animal. The Cornish Rex has a very alert and athletic look.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** A Cornish Rex is a curly-coated, fine-boned cat that stands high on its legs. It has a distinctive arched back, deep rib cage and "tuck-up" resembling a greyhound. The Cornish Rex has a hard, muscular body that is warm to the touch. The coat quality, texture, waviness, as well as the distinctive body type are of prime importance.

**ALLOWANCES:** White lockets or buttons are permitted.

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

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):**  
Presence of coarse hairs.



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.*

**In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications:** a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.4), crossed eyes **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.