

# MUNCHKIN BREED GROUP (MK/ML)

The Munchkin and the Munchking Longhair are short-legged cats. They are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium-plush, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all-weather coat.

<b>HEAD</b> .....	40 points
Shape .....	10
Ears .....	6
Eyes .....	12
Chin/Nose/Muzzle .....	7
Profile .....	3
Neck .....	2

<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	9
Legs .....	10
Feet .....	3
Tail .....	8
Boning .....	5
Musculature .....	5

<b>COAT</b> .....	20 points
Length .....	10
Texture .....	10

**CATEGORY:** All.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:**  
Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion with body. High, defined cheekbones. (Males can appear larger than females.)

Ears: In proportion with head, broader at base, ending in slightly rounded tips. Placed as much on top of the head as on the sides; not flaring; alert Furnishings: Lynx tips are acceptable on Longhair cats only.

Eyes: Walnut shaped. Spaced rather wide apart giving an open and alert expression, and at a slight angle toward the base of the ears. No relationship between coat and eye color.

Chin: Firm, but not overly

prominent. (Aligns with nose.)

Muzzle: Moderate with gentle contours in proportion with head. Prominent whisker pads are acceptable.

Nose: Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable.

Profile: Slight stop. Forehead is flat.

Neck: Firm musculature on males, slightly less on females.

## **BODY:**

Torso: Thick semi-foreign body, not compact. Back gently slopes upwards from shoulders to tail. Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Females generally smaller/lighter than males. Angulated shoulder blades are acceptable.

Legs: Short, set evenly apart when viewed from front or back. Upper and lower forelegs equal in length. Hind Legs: Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Back legs slightly longer than front legs is acceptable.

Feet: Round, compact in proportion with body. All four feet pointed directly straight forward, not inward or outward.

Tail: Carried erect when in motion, tapering to a rounded tip. Not overly thick. Length of the body

Boning: Medium, without undue bulk.

Musculature: Firmly developed muscular strength, not bulky feeling on females.

## **COAT:**

Length (MK): Medium to short. Solids may have a less dense coat.

Length (ML): Semi-long.

Texture (MK): Semi-plush, all-weather, resilient, with medium undercoat and lustrous appearance.

Texture (ML): Flowing and silky, all-weather, with moderate and medium undercoat. Slight to moderate ruff permissible. Britches are shaggy, tail has full plume.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Munchkin is a short-legged cat. Its distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation which has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled. They are accepted in both long and short coat lengths. The Munchkin and the Munchkin Longhair are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium length plush, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all-weather coat.

**LOCKETS:** Allow

**ALLOWANCES:** Stud jowls in males. No other non-standard attributes allowed.

**PENALIZE:** Cowhocking, protruding sternum, snub or excessively long nose. Round eyes. Round head.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Short, cobby body, curly coat.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Sway back. Excessive bowing. Appearance of being a recognized breed miniaturized.



*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.