

SELKIRK REX BREED GROUP (SR/SL)

The **Selkirk Rex (SR)** is the shorthair version of the group and the **Selkirk Rex Longhair (SL)** is the longhair version.

HEAD	40 points
Shape	10
Ears	5
Eyes ..	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	10
Profile	5
Neck	3

BODY	30 points
Torso	10
Legs	4
Feet	2
Tail	4
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	20 points
Length	5
Texture	10
Color	3
Pattern	2

OTHER	10 points
Balance	2
Condition	3
Temperament	5

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
American Shorthair, British Breed Group, Persian Breed Group.

HEAD:

Shape: Round, full-cheeked. Forehead round and broad.

Ears: Medium-sized, rounded with pointed tip, set well apart.

Eyes: Large and round, set well apart.

Chin: Firm.

Muzzle: Short, square, visible beyond the cheeks. curly whiskers.

Profile: Rounded forehead, nose stop and firm chin.

Neck: Short and thick. Curly fur prominent on neck.

BODY:

Torso: Chest full, muscular, semi-cobby. Rectangular with a slight rise toward the hindquarters.

Legs: Medium length, substantail boning.

Feet: Large and round.

Tail: Medium length, thick, tapering to rounded tip.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial.

COAT:

Length: In both coat lengths, the curls are most prominent on the neck and tail. The curliness of the coat on the saddle area of the back is variable due to climate, seasons and hormones, especially in females.

(SR): Medium.

(SL): Semi-long.

Texture: Soft and plush.

(SR): Double coat, with thick undercoat and deep waves with curled ends.

(SL) Loose individual curls.

Pattern: All patterns acceptable.

Color: Clear, intense colors preferred. Eye color independent of coat color.

OTHER:

Balance: Good proportions.

Condition: Good muscle tone.

Excellent health.

Temperament: Sweet and loving.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Selkirk Rex is produced by a dominant gene affecting the guard, down and awn hairs. The curl is most prominent around the neck and tail in both coat lengths. Guard hairs tend to have a coarse texture, but the coat is very dense and overall soft and plush. The whiskers are curly as are the eyebrows. The Selkirk Rex is a medium to large cat with good balance between legs and body. Heavy boning gives the cat surprising weight. Females are less massive than males, but both sexes have definite jowls. Coat continues to develop until about 2 years of age, so kittens should be judged mainly on head and body type. Kittens are curly at birth and may lose their coat and begin to develop an adult curly coat at 8-10 months of age.

ALLOWANCES: White lockets are acceptable. Kittens may lack fully curly coat.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
Nose break.



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.