Evaluating Munchkin Cats

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EVALUATING MUNCHKIN CATS

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Munchkins ARE Medium cats

- The Current Standard  May 2007
- The most recent standard, has equal points on the head and the body, but elaborates on the head description, with the most points being on the Walnut eyes. The reasoning is the breed group hopes that you are able to recognize a Munchkin in the cage without it standing by it’s lovely expression. The use of the word medium should not be criticized, the cat is not small nor large, everything IS medium. Please remember that cats in the Munchkin breed group should not go toward extremes, everything should still be medium.
  - Head 40  Body 40  Coat 20
Distribution of Points

MUNCHKIN BREED GROUP (MKML)
The Munchkin and the Munchkin Longhair are short-legged cats. They are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium-length, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-longhair all-weather coat.

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Head shape Total Points 40

Shape: 10 Points
Modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion with body. High defined cheekbones. (Males can appear larger than females.)
Modified Wedge Head
Same cat, front and side view, really nice head shape, nice eyes, perhaps the muzzle is too long
Young female

Male with slight jowling
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.
NICE EAR SETS
Ears not quite right

Too Wide, Too Small
and
Not alert

Too Wide, too small
Eyes: Medium to large 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.

Eyes should be looked at straight on, as tilting the head backwards distorts the shape and they could appear rounded.
Good Eye Shape
Wonderful profile, straight line up of chin and nose, good strong chin
Weak Chin
Profile: Slight stop. Forehead is flat.
Neck – 2 points

- Neck: Firm musculature on males, slightly less on females.
Profile pictures
BODY — Torso 10 points

Nice length of body~ Nice semi–thick, not compact
Another good example of correct body length, semi-foreign
Good body length, Solveig discusses the improper placement of rear knees
Torso is too long
Too Cobby
BODY — Legs 10 points

- 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.
Legs – Just right, well balanced
Not too tall, not too short, just right
Medium is still just right
Legs Too Short
Munchkins are not supposed to be “Rughuggers”

Rughuggers are TOO short for Munchkin Cats  Remember no extremes, keep it medium
Too Tall
Body – Tail 8 points

The tail is the second most important part of the body, following legs.

- Tail: Carried erect when in motion, tapering to a rounded tip. Not overly thick. Length of the body.
Munchkin longhairs should have shaggy britches and a plume tail, not a thick nor shortened full tail
Boning: Medium without undue bulk.  
*Not to heavy like a Persian, not to thin like an Aby, in between.*  
*Don’t mistake the muscles for large boning when feeling the legs.*
Musculature: Firmly developed muscular strength, not bulky feeling on females.

*Often the muscles, particularly on the front legs, are mistaken for bowing, take time to analyze what it is that you are feeling*
Way too much muscle for this female as a result of her legs being too short (Notice Great Head type)
Length 10 Points
Length (MK): Medium to short. Solids may have a less dense coat.
Length (ML): Semi-long.

TEXTURE 10 POINTS
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.
Nicely groomed Longhair

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Way too much ruff
PENALIZE

Cowhocking, protruding sternum, snub or excessively longnose, round eyes, round head
WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS

Short cobby body, curly coat
Winners

Showing promise as a kitten
All grown up
BEST MUNCHKIN CAT 2007–2008
2nd Best Munchkin Cat 2007–2008

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2nd Best MK Cat 2007–2008 All grown Up
3rd Best Munchkin 2007–2008
Best Munchkin Longhair 2007–2008
2nd Best Munchkin Longhair 2007–2008
Misc Munchkin Cats

Everything medium, everything in proportion
First Generation Outcross
Upcoming male Kitten
Winners in Europe, they are picking the right cats
Best Munchkin Kitten 2007–2008
Thanks for watching, for more information please visit www.munchkins.com