BRITISH BREED GROUP (BS/BL)

The **British Shorthair** (BS) and **British Longhair** (BL) are powerful cats; semi-cobby, wide and firm in body. Their round face has a sweet, open expression.

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- **Shape**: Round, a series of 3 circles defines the head 1st broad round muzzle, 2nd broad round head and 3rd full round chubby cheeks. Broad, wide cheek bones with smooth transition to muzzle, great width at eye level. Rounded front and top head, well rounded from any angle. Large in males, medium in females.
- **Ears**: Small to medium, broad at the base and rounded. Set wide apart on the rounded top head, but not extreme or flared.
- **Eyes**: Large, round, level in head, set wide apart to show width of nose. Intense, eye color preferred. Color conforms to coat color with exception of silver division where copper is accepted as well as green.
- **Muzzle+Nose**: 6 points
- **Nose**: Set wide apart to show width of nose, stop, well pronounced change of direction towards the rounded front head. No flat planes above the nose.
- **Ears**: 8 points
- **Texture**: So dense that it is difficult to see the skin when parting the hair.
- **Profile+Nose**: 8 points
- **Muzzle+Chin**: Heavy muzzle with great width and smooth transition towards the cheekbones. Firm chin in line with nose, completing the circle of the face.
- **Texture**: Slightly softer texture in colors other than blue.
- **Shape**: 8 points
- **Texture**: 12 points
- **Pattern/Color**: 6 points

**BODy**

- **Torso**: Semi-cobby. Wide, sturdy, muscular, firm, powerful, well rounded, chest and considerable depth of flank. The shoulders are broad and flat at the wither; the hips are the same width. Back is level. Females proportionately smaller.
- **Boning**: Substantial. Large to medium.
- **Legs+Feet**: 6 points
- **Texture**: 12 points
- **Pattern/Color**: 6 points

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- **Length**: 12 points
- **Texture**: 12 points
- **Pattern/Color**: 6 points

**CATEGORIEs**: Traditional and Pointed.

**DIVISIONS**: All.

**COLORS**: All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES**: None.

**HEAD**

**BODy**

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- **Boning**: Substantial. Large to medium.
- **Legs+Feet**: Legs medium to short length from floor to belly should be slightly less than from belly to back. Round feet, medium to large in size.
- **Texture**: Slightly softer texture in colors other than blue.
- **Profile+Nose**: Short straight snub nose, stop, well pronounced change of direction towards the rounded front head.
- **Muzzle+Nose**: Short or soft coat, (BS) Long or soft coat, (BL) short or silky coat, long flowing coat like in Persians.
- **Nose**: Set wide apart to show width of nose, stop, well pronounced change of direction towards the rounded front head. No flat planes above the nose.
- **Profile+Nose**: 6 points
- **Nose**: 8 points
- **Texture**: Slightly softer texture in colors other than blue.
- **Muzzle+Nose**: 8 points
- **Shape**: 8 points
- **Texture**: 12 points
- **Pattern/Color**: 6 points

**GENERAL DEscrIPTION**

The British is an imposing breed. Their large, round face should have a sweet open expression, with a smug rounded muzzle. Chubby cheeks and no-neck, blend into a stocky, semi-cobby, muscular, wide and firm body. Their coat is dense and rich, plush and thick in both shorthair and longhair varieties. Slightly reserved in temperament, they are a four feet on the floor breed, and like to be handled with gentle firmness and supported when carried.

**ALLOWANCES**: Seasonal changes in coat density, length and texture. Slightly softer texture in colors other than blue.

**PENALIZE:**

- **Eyes**: Almond shape, slanted set
- **Musculature**: Lack of muscle tone
- **Legs**: Cow hocks.
- **Coat**: Lack of/or poor undercoat, coat not standing away from body

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW)**: Locketets.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ)**: Crossed eyes.