LAPERM BREED GROUP (LP/LPS)

The LaPerm (LP) is a medium-sized, curly-coated cat, with a semi-foreign type body. The LaPerm Shorthair (LPS) differs only in hair length.

HEAD ............................. 40 points
  Shape ......................... 6
  Ears .......................... 8
  Eyes .......................... 8
  Chin  ......................... 5
  Muzzle ...................... 5
  Nose  ......................... 2
  Profile ...................... 4
  Neck  ......................... 2

BODY ............................. 23 points
  Torso ......................... 5
  Legs  ......................... 2
  Feet  ......................... 2
  Tail  ......................... 6
  Boning  ...................... 3
  Musculature ................. 5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ........... 27 points
  Length  ...................... 8
  Texture  .................... 15
  Pattern ..................... 2
  Color  ...................... 2

OTHER ........................... 10 points
  Balance ..................... 3
  Condition ................... 4
  Temperament ............... 3

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All.

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

HEAD:
  Shape: A modified wedge, slightly rounded, gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded.
  Eyes: Medium large and expressive.

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(LPS) Short to approximately medium long. There is no ruff. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy.

  Texture:
  (LP) Curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats.
  (LPS) Curly or wavy. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It is a textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. A springy coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be like a bottle-brush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized and curly-coated, with a semi-foreign type body. All colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking high on its legs. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed. Whiskers will be very long and curly, ear furnishings and eyebrow hairs may also curl and may grow long enough to curl into eye. The perfect cat will have a moderately soft, but textured coat that will be loose and bouncy, standing away from the body, resembling a “Gypsy Shag”. A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin but will appear very curly. The cat will have ringlet type curls at the base of the ears and on the underside of the neck running into the ruff on the longhaired version. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy.

ALLOWANCES: Locket; a frizzy-type appearance. Lack of ear furnishings and/or lack of, or short, whiskers in kittens.

PENALIZE: Lack of ear furnishings and/or lack of, or short, whiskers in kittens.

WITHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Cobby body, short legs, straight coat,

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.