

TENNESSEE REX (TR/TRS)

The Tennessee Rex is a natural mutation that occurred in the feral cat population. The breed has two characteristics that define a Tennessee Rex; they are a recessive curly hair coat that gives the cat a rex appearance, and a mix of shining hairs (called Satin) that gives the cat a sparkling appearance. The two traits make the Tennessee Rex unique from any other breed of cat. The Tennessee Rex occurs in both longhair and shorthair.

HEAD..... 30 points

Shape	6
Ears.....	3
Eyes	5
Muzzle	5
Chin/nose	5
Profile	4
Neck	2

BODY

Torso.....	8
Legs/ Feet	7
Tail.....	6
Boning	5
Musculature.....	4

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 40 points

Length/Texture	5
Texture	18
Pattern.....	0
Color	17

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

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

HEAD:

Shape: A modified wedge with gently rounded contours with breadth across prominent cheekbones.

Ears: Medium to medium large size, broad at base, cupped, slightly rounded tips. May or may not have furnishings. Set slightly low and slightly upright.

Eyes: Large rounded almond, moderately wide set. Deep color preferred.

Muzzle: Medium long with strong whisker break, medium wide with obvious whisker pads, whiskers may be curly or wavy.

Chin: Rounded, shallow but not receding, gently sloped in profile

Profile/Nose: Two planed, flat to gently rounded forehead, gentle stop, slight nose bump.

Neck: Short and thick. Athletic.

BODY:

Torso: Semi-cobby, large, long and rectangular but not slender. Body muscular and athletic. Chest full. Back straight, but higher in the hips.

Legs and Feet: Medium length legs in proportion to body with large, rounded fully reed paws.

Tail: Wide at base tapering to tip, 3/4 to fully reed.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Firm, athletic.

COAT:

Length:

LH: Medium-long with fully plumed wavy tail.

SH: Medium short with reed tail.

Reed Hair: In both hair lengths, the coat will be very curly on neck and jowls with less curl under the chin. Curly hair at base of ears becoming wavy towards hips. Small curls at base of throat becoming long and wavy at flanks. Front portion of leg curly including shoulders, front portion of back legs becoming wavy at britches.

Satin effect: should shine and have a rich satin appearance. Hair sparkles in light and also intensifies the color of the coat.

Texture: Soft; should not mat.

COLOR: All.

PATTERN: Traditional.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Tennessee Rex is a naturally occurring mutation that spontaneously appeared in the Tennessee Valley in 2004. It is a medium to large-sized cat, which is curly coated from birth. The coat consists of all types of hair (guard, awn, down) with the guard hairs being soft. The curly hair is most prominent on the neck, shoulders, chest, legs and tail. All types of fur on the Tennessee Rex should shine or glisten with a rich satin appearance as well as sparkle when viewed looking across the coat under lights. The satin effect gives the cat the ability to reflect sunlight giving the cat a metallic shine and sparkle in the sunlight. The hair seems to be fragile on the back feet and will appear to “molt” in that area. The whiskers can be long or short, but will always be slightly or extremely curly, as well as being fragile. As kittens, the fur will “molt” in the temple area between the ear and stomach and will be symmetrical. The temperament is gentle and loving.

LOCKETS: Allowed.

ALLOWANCES: “Molting” of coat in kittens.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): No satin sparkle on 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.