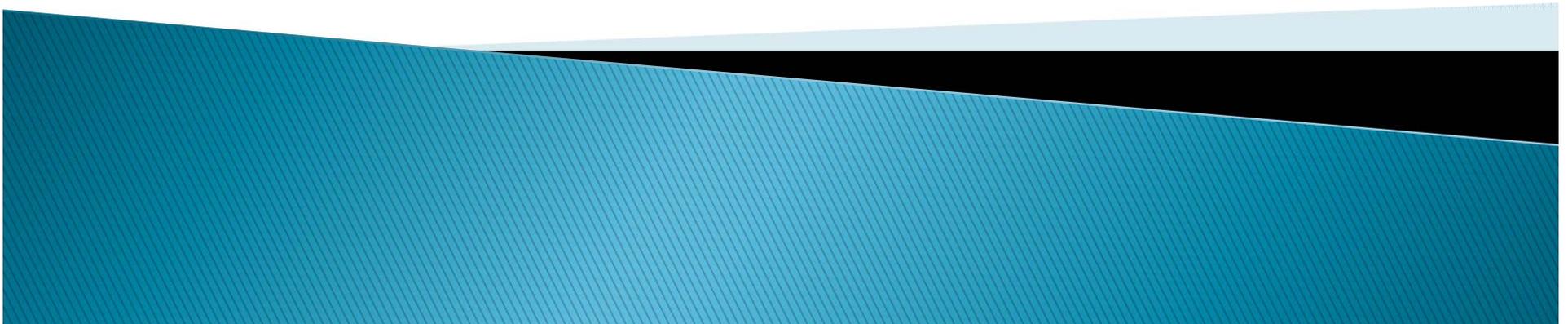


Evaluating Munchkin Cats

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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 (MK/ML)

The Munchkin and the Munchkin Longhair are shortlegged cats. They are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium-plush, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all weather coat.

HEAD 40 points

Shape	10
Ears	6
Eyes	12
Chin/Nose/Muzzle . . .	7
Profile	3
Neck	2

BODY 40 points

Torso	9
Legs	10
Feet	3
Tail	8
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT 20 points

Length	10
Texture	10



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



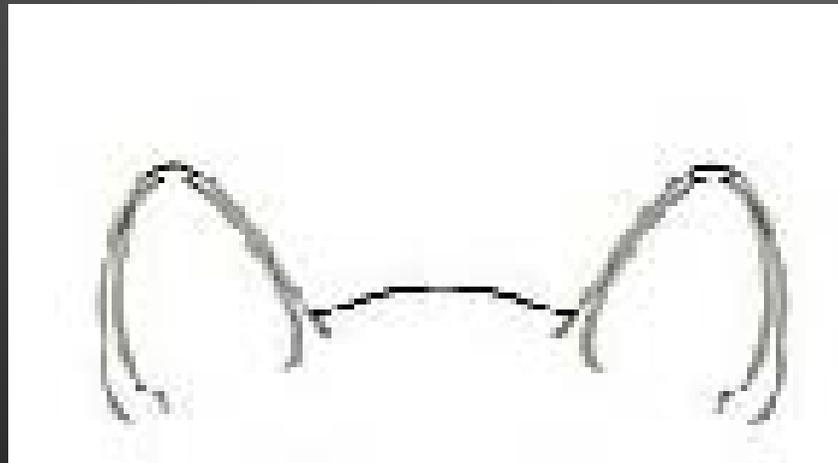
Male with slight jowling



HEAD - Ears 6 points

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

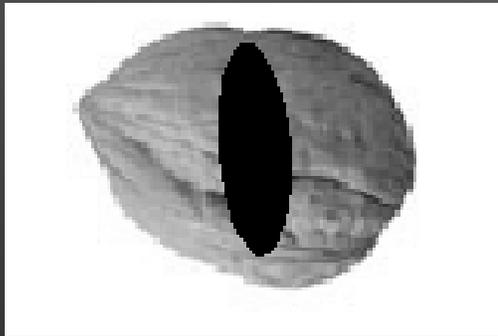


Too Wide, too small

Head - Eyes 12 points

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.

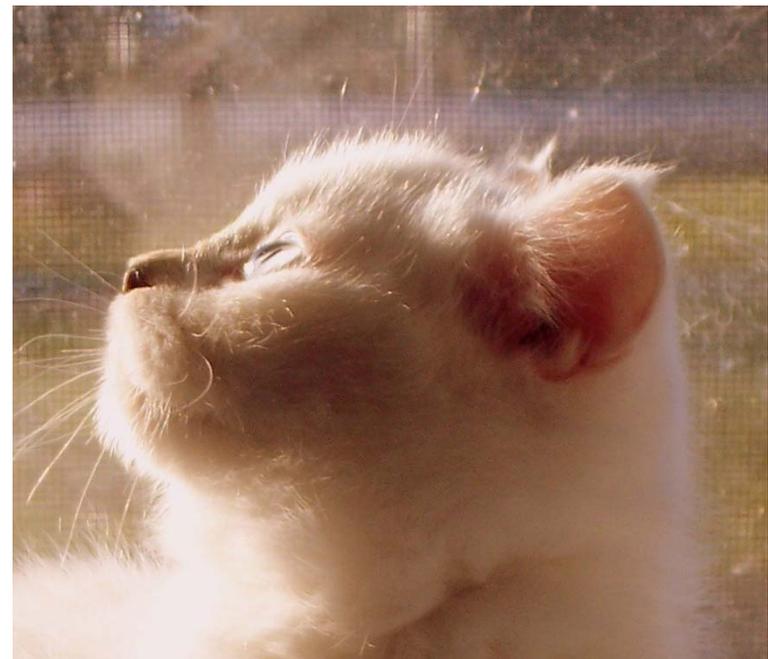


Good Eye Shape



Head – Chin/Nose/Muzzle 7 points

Wonderful profile, straight
line up of chin and nose,
good strong chin

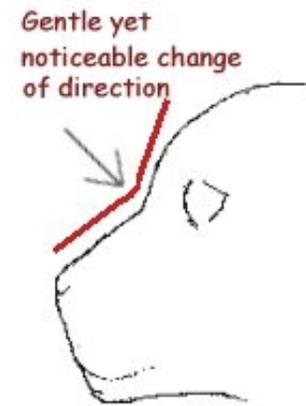
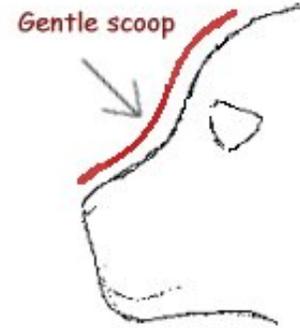
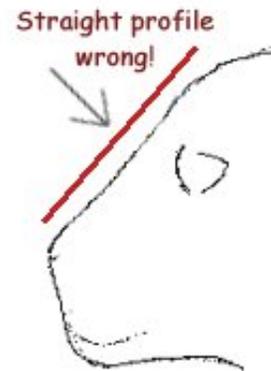


Weak Chin



Head—Profile 3 points

Profile: Slight stop. Forehead is flat.



Neck - 2 points

- ▶ Neck: Firm musculature on males, slightly less on females.

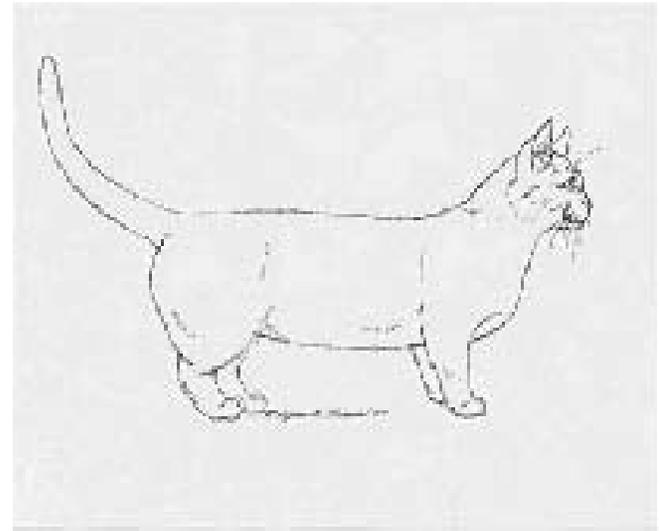


Profile pictures



BODY —Torso 10 points

Torso: Thick semi-foreign body, not compact. Back gently slopes upwards from shoulders to tail. Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Females generally smaller/lighter than males. Angulated shoulder blades are acceptable.



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

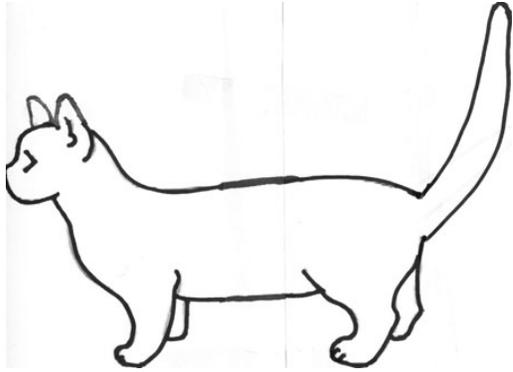


BODY —Legs 10 points

- ▶ **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



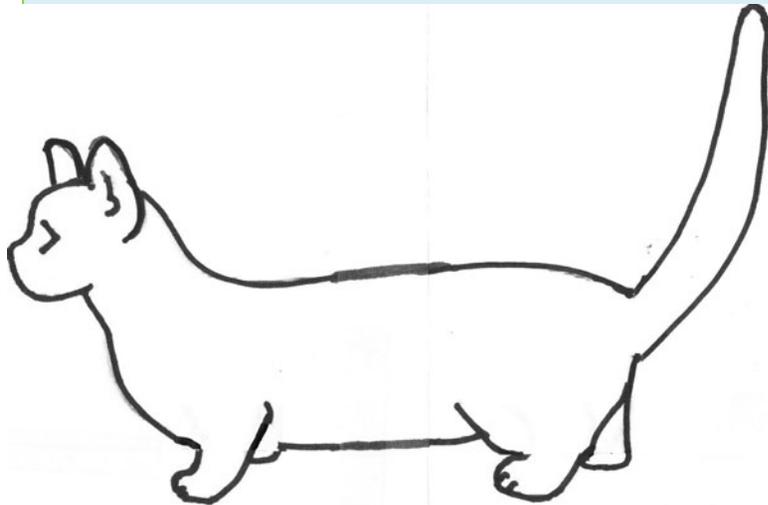
Legs Too Short

Munchkins are not supposed to be “Rughuggers”

Rughuggers are TOO short for Munchkin Cats

Remember no extremes, keep it

medium



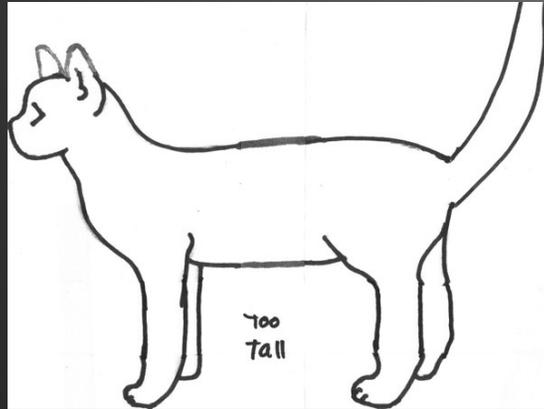
Too Short



Brown mackerel tabby short-haired Munchkin



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.



Erect Tails!

Munchkin longhairs should have shaggy britches and a plume tail, not a thick nor shortened full tail



Body ~ Boning 5 points

Boning: Medium without undue bulk.

Not too heavy like a Persian, not too thin like an Aby, in between.

Don't mistake the muscles for large boning when feeling the legs.



Body- Musculature 5 points

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)



COAT – 20 Points

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



Flowing and silky, all weather, with moderate and medium undercoat. Slight to moderate ruff permissible. Britches are shaggy, tail has full plume.



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



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





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