

## TENNESSEE REX (TR/TRS)

The Tennessee Rex breed is based on a satin rex recessive pleiotropic mutation and comes in longhair (TR) and shorthair (TRS). Satin rex is a unique coat mutation expressing satin and rexing simultaneously. Satin is a coat modifier where hair appears to have a smooth, shiny surface or sheen like silk or satin. Sunlight or strong artificial light reflecting on a satin coat has a sparkly, pearlized, or iridescent luster.

### HEAD ..... 36 points

Shape .....	6
Eyes .....	7
Ears .....	5
Muzzle .....	4
Nose .....	3
Chin .....	2
Profile .....	7
Neck .....	2

### BODY ..... 27 points

Torso .....	6
Legs .....	4
Feet .....	3
Tail .....	5
Size/Boning .....	5
Musculature .....	4

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN .. 37 points

Texture/Curl .....	11
Satin .....	12
Pattern .....	3
Color .....	8
Length .....	3

**CATEGORY: AII.**

**DIVISION: AII.**

**COLOR: AII.**

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Domestic Longhair/Shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

### HEAD:

Shape: Viewed from the front or above, it is a modified wedge with gently rounded contours and ample breadth across prominent cheekbones. The top of the head is flat to slightly round.

Eyes: Large and slanted plump almond eyes with intense color preferred.

Ears: Medium to large, broad at the

base, cupped, and forward-facing with slightly rounded tips. The ears are set wide, upright and set well back on head.

Muzzle: Rounded, medium length and width with visible whisker break and noticeable whisker pads.

Nose: Medium, straight.

Chin: The chin is round, soft, and not protruding.

Profile: The nose is straight; the nose bridge is straight and of medium length; definite stop and change of direction can be seen at eye level so that the nose and the flattened dome of the top of the head create two parallel planes. The forehead is long and flat; the skull is flat to slightly rounded.

Neck: Medium length, rounded, and well muscled.

### BODY:

Torso: Rectangular and athletic, medium-wide chest and hips.

Legs: Medium in length and medium boning.

Feet: Medium size and oval.

Tail: Wide at the base, medium to long in length.

Size/Boning: Medium-sized cats preferred, with medium boning.

Musculature: Athletic and well muscled.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: The Longhairs are medium-long with a plumed tail. Shorthairs are medium-short length, with strongly rexed tail preferred. They should not matt and are easy to groom.

Texture/Curl: Rexing is mild to wavy, having a tousled windblown look with curls preferred. The head, back and torso may have straighter fur, and fur may

sometimes fall into a natural part down the back. The underside from neck to chest and stomach, and down legs to paws exhibits a more robust expression of rexing, becoming wavy again at the britches. Tails should be rexed. Coat develops with age, and rexing can be affected by hormones. Whiskers may be wavy, fragile or broken.

Satin: Hair should shine (sparkle) and have a rich satin appearance. iridescent luster.

Pattern/Color: All patterns and colors accepted. Rich, clear intense colors are preferred. The Tennessee Rex should have brilliant glowing colors. Satin intensifies colors, so strong colors should be rewarded.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tennessee Rex spontaneously appeared in 2004 in the state of Tennessee in the USA. The Tennessee Rex is a medium sized cat, curly-coated, and satin. The satin and rexing are always expressed simultaneously and inherited as a simple recessive gene.

When first seeing a Tennessee Rex, one is amazed by its unique coat. It has a lustrous coat with dense, rich color falling in curls and waves that shine like satin — the fur sparkles in the sunlight.

The Tennessee Rex is gentle and very affectionate. They are a social breed that strongly desires and seeks the companionship of its human family. These cats have fantastic temperaments and they should be outgoing and friendly. They are curious, playful, and snuggly, and like to be where the action is.

**ALLOWANCES:** Lockets. Molting in kittens and young adults. Molting on back of ears and temple region between eyes and ears. Straight hair on back and torso. Lack of curl in kittens.

**PENALIZE:** Cobby body.

**DISQUALIFY:** Incorrect bite. Cowhocks in adults.



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.