

SELKIRK REX BREED GROUP (SR/SRL)

The **Selkirk Rex (SR)** is the shorthair version of the group and the **Selkirk Rex Longhair (SRL)** is the longhair version.

HEAD	40 points
Shape & Profile	15
Nose	3
Muzzle	10
Ears	5
Eyes	5
Neck	2

BODY	30 points
Torso	10
Legs & Feet	5
Tail	3
Boning	7
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	25 points
Length	3
Texture	15
Density	5
Color	1
Pattern	1

OTHER	5 points
Balance	1
Condition	1
Temperament	3

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
American Shorthair, British Breed Group, Persian Breed Group.

HEAD:

Shape & profile: Rounded, full-cheeked with the head slightly broader than the depth from the jawline to the top of the head. Forehead rounded and broad with a slightly curved top of head from the nose to the back of the skull with no flat planes.

Gentle nose stop and firm chin.

Nose: Short, slightly downward

slanting, broad and straight or with a slight convex curve. Set below the eyeline.

Muzzle: Short, and broad with a width greater than its height when viewed from the front, due to well-developed and well-padded whisker pads. When viewed from above and from the side, the muzzle is clearly visible beyond the cheeks. Whiskers made be curly or broken.

Ears: Medium-sized, rounded with pointed tip, broad at the base, and set well apart and fitting into (without distorting) the contours of the rounded head.

Eyes: Large, rounded and well open, set well apart with no tendency towards oval or almond shape.

Neck: Short and thick. Curly fur prominent on neck.

BODY:

Torso: Chest full and deep, muscular, semi-cobby. More rectangular than square in shape with a slight rise toward the hindquarters. Shoulders and hips should appear to be the same width.

Legs & Feet: Medium length, substantial boning. Feet should be large and round.

Tail: Medium length, thick, tapering to rounded tip.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial and well-muscled.

COAT:

Length: In both coat lengths, the curls are most prominent on the neck, belly and tail. The curliness of the coat on the back and sides of the body is variable due to climate, seasons and hormones, especially in entire cats.

(SR): Medium fairly uniform over the entire body with the ruff and tail fur being a similar length to the rest of the coat.

(SRL): Semi-long, tail curls stand out away from the tail and the ruff hairs are longer and frame the face.

Texture & Density: Soft,

dense, and plush. The volume and density of the coat is variable due to climate, seasons and hormones, especially in entire cats.

(SR): Double coat, with thick undercoat and deep waves with curled ends.

(SRL): Loose, random unstructured curls. The coat should not appear to have 'dreadlocks'.

Pattern: All patterns acceptable.

Color: Clear, intense colors preferred.

Eye color independent of coat color. Blue or odd eyes are not accepted in cats which are not pointed, white or with white.

OTHER:

Balance: Good proportions.

Condition: Good muscle tone.

Excellent health.

Temperament: Sweet and loving.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Selkirk Rex is produced by a dominant gene affecting the guard, down and awn hairs. The curl is most prominent around the neck and tail in both coat lengths. Guard hairs tend to have a coarse texture, but the coat is very dense and overall soft and plush. The whiskers are curly as are the eyebrows. The Selkirk Rex is a medium to large cat with good balance between legs and body. Heavy boning gives the cat surprising weight. Females may be less massive than males but should not appear dainty, but both sexes may have definite jowls. Coat continues to develop until about 2 years of age, so kittens and young adults should be judged mainly on head and body type. Kittens are curly at birth and may lose their coat and begin to develop an adult curly coat at 8-10 months of age. The coat continues to develop until approximately 2 years of age and will change according to climate, season and in entire or just altered cats, according to hormonal changes.

ALLOWANCES: Random white spots are acceptable. Kittens may lack fully curly coat.

PENALIZE: Excessive resemblance to Persian or Exotic type. Lack of of rectangular muzzle. Excessively weak chin. Lack of substantial boning. Harsh, crisp or coarse coat. In SRL coats which exhibit 'dreadlocks' rather than loose unstructured curls.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): No evidence of curl on coat or whiskers.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: Blue eyes in cats which are not pointed, white or with white. Odd eyes in cats which are not white or with whites. Nose break. Prominent facial skin folds from corner of the eye toward the nose. Severe overshot or undershot jaw or malocclusion of the teeth.



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.