

Proposal for a new standard for the Cornish Rex cat

General		The Cornish Rex is distinguished from all other breeds by its slender and graceful appearance. They should be warm and strong to touch and surprisingly heavy due to their strong muscle tone. They are covered in characteristic wavy, soft coat and give an overall appearance of being high on legs. Medium in size, males being proportionally larger than females.
Head	Shape	egg shaped, slightly longer than width, narrowing to a strong chin. Equally narrow from cheekbones to the end of skull.
	Skull	flat
	Nose	in profile a straight or slightly upward arching line is seen from the centre of the forehead to the end of the nose.
	Muzzle	harmonious with the head, not too prominent or square
	Chin	strong
	Whiskers and eyebrows	crinkled or curved.
	Neck	elegant, slender; in proportion to body.
Ears	Shape	large, wide at base and tapering to rounded tips, covered with fine hair; alert expression.
	Placement	set high on the head.
Eyes	Shape	oval shaped slanting slightly upward, medium in size
	Colour	bright, clear and pure.
Body	Structure	medium length, elegant, hard and muscular. Hips and thighs muscular. Delicate bone structure. Heavier than its appearance indicates.
Legs		long, straight and slender, giving an overall appearance of being high on legs.
	Paws	small and oval, dainty.
Tail		long, fine and tapering; covered with wavy hair.
Coat	Structure	short, soft and dense, close lying, without guard hairs. Wavy, particularly on the body.
	Colour	all colour varieties and patterns are recognised including those with white. Any amount of white is permitted.
FAULTS	Head	too broad or too long head, weak chin, pinched muzzle
	Ears	too small and/or too low set.
	Body	tubular or cobby; lack of firm muscles.
	Tail	predominantly bare or bushy
	Coat	shaggy or too little waves in coat. Bare patches - a fault in kittens, a serious fault in adults.

SCALE OF POINTS

TOTAL			100 points
Head	General shape, muzzle, jaws and teeth, skull and chin Placement, shape and size of the ears.	20	25
Eyes	Shape	5	
Body	Shape, size, bone structure, muscle tone Length and shape of legs and paws		25
Tail	Length and shape		5
Coat	Waves, quality and texture		40
Condition			5

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