

## CORNISH REX

<b>Head</b>	<b>27 Pts</b>
Type	5
Muzzle	5
Profile	5
Chin	5
Ears	5
Eyes	2
<b>Body</b>	<b>35 Pts</b>
Type	10
Legs & Feet	5
Tail	5
Neck	5
Tuck-up	10
<b>Coat</b>	<b>30 Pts</b>
Texture	5
Density	5
Waviness	20
<b>Color &amp; Markings</b>	<b>3 Pts</b>
<b>Condition &amp; Balance</b>	<b>5 Pts</b>

**General:** The Cornish Rex is characterized by a firm, muscular body with no evidence of obesity or emaciation. Viewed as a whole it is well knit, alert, standing high on its legs with each part in good proportion. It is a small to medium sized cat, slender and fine boned with a full, deep rib cage. The trunk of the body follows an upward curve of the backbone forming a "tuck-up" accented by its rounded hips. The most unique aspect of the breed is its coat with de even waves over the entire body, legs and tail.

**Head:** Head should be longer than it is wide but not extremely long, with a break at the muzzle when viewed from the front. Cornish Rex may have a Roman profile. Muzzle break is important because it gives the distinctive Rex look to the head (for the lack of a muzzle break, deduct 1 to 5 points). The nose is to have a high prominent bridge and a straight line is to be seen from the top of the nose to the chin. The head is egg shaped. Allowance to be made for jowls in mature males.

**Objection:** weak receding chin.

**Ears:** Ears shall be large and alert, set high on the head. A front view, straight on, presents a deep conical appearance. The ears are taller than wide and have a modified point at the tip.

**Eyes:** The eyes are medium size, oval in shape, and set wide apart. Color clear, in keeping with coat color. The eye color for all colors, except pointed, to be green, hazel or gold. Pointed colors to have blue eyes. It should be considered that the Rex is a foreign body type cat, and eye color and is secondary to shape and set.

**Body:** The Cornish Rex body is medium in size, balanced, and must be hard and muscular. Rib cage is full and deep. Trunk of the body follows an upward curve forming a tuck-up. Hips rounded, somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body. Males are proportionately larger.

**Legs and Feet:** Legs shall be long and slender, fine boned, in keeping with the body and tail. A Cornish Rex should stand high on its legs. Its neatly furnished paws shall be oval and dainty with five toes in front, four in the back. **Penalize:** Cow hocked.

**Tail:** Tail shall be long and slender, tapering slightly from the body to the end, often carried curved back over the body. It may be tipped with a tuft of waves. There is no penalty for a bare upper surface, or for a slight curve on the last vertebra. Blackheads on Tail is an objection. Penalize 1 to 3 points depending on severity.

**Neck:** Neck should be medium long and slender.

**Coat:** The Cornish Rex shall have even waves over the entire body. Some waviness on head, legs and tail is preferred. Coat is fine, soft, short and dense with a silk like feel. Open coat and bareness on any portion of the body (except ears and tail) objectionable. Penalize 1 to 5 points depending on severity.

**Color and Markings:** Color and markings are as noted in accepted colors. The Particolors shall be pleasing to the eye with no restrictions, as to proportion or combination. Solid color cats with lockets and/or vest buttons are to remain in the solid color class. Lockets and groin spots are acceptable. Tabby markings are allowed until two years of age in accepted patterns of red and cream.

**Condition:** Fine and muscular. Good muscle tone, no evidence of obesity or emaciation. Lack of conditions shows in flabbiness, dull look in the eyes, and loss of coat quality and quantity.

**Balance:** Viewed as a whole, the Cornish Rex shall be well balanced, alert, well proportioned and standing high on the legs and paws. The Cornish Rex is generally amenable to handling.

**NFA:** Crossed eyes, visible abnormality of the tail, presence of coarse or guard hairs.

**Accepted Colors:**

The Cornish Rex is accepted in all recognized colors.