

MUNCHKIN SHORTHAIR

Head & Neck	10 Pts
Ears	5 Pts
Eye Shape & Set	10 Pts
Body	20 Pts
Tail	5 Pts
Legs & Feet	20 Pts
Coat Texture	5 Pts
Color	5 Pts
Condition	20 Pts

General: The Munchkin cat's distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation, which has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins are a small to medium size cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing in the front legs. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability.

Head & Neck: In proportion to body. The shape is a moderate modified wedge with rounded contours. Top of head is slightly rounded. The nose is medium in length, a slight dip or bump is acceptable. The chin is firm but not prominent. Stud jowls allowed in males.

Ears: In proportion with head. ears equally in line with wedge not all on top or sides, ending in slightly rounded tips.

Eyes: Walnut shaped. The outer corners reach higher than the inner. No relationship between coat and eye color.

Body: Head, neck, torso, and tail should all be in proportion on a well muscled small to medium built cat. Rounded chest without **excessively** prominent sternum. There is a slight rise from shoulders to rump. Well developed chest, hips are strong and firm. Females may be smaller than males.

Tail: Length in proportion to body. The shape is of medium thickness tapering to a rounded tip.

Legs & Feet: Legs are short. In proportion to body. Elbows appear to be higher on body than on other cats because of shorter legs. Legs should lay close to the rib cage, slight bowing in front legs allowed. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front legs. The boning is small to medium and well muscled. Feet, round and compact.

Coat texture: Short to medium, healthy in appearance

Color & Pattern: All colors and patterns allowed. White lockets and buttons are permitted.

Condition & Balance: Well muscled without excessive obesity or emaciation. Eyes bright and clean coat with healthy sheen. An overall appearance of health and vitality. Short legs, but otherwise well proportioned in appearance.

Penalize:

Soft muscle tone, fine boning, excessive bowing, cowhocking, snub or excessively long nose, overall appearance not in proportion.

NFA: Extra toes, excessively protruding sternum, swayback, conformation of any other recognized breed, pattern excluded.