

## BREED CODE: ILH – ISLE OF MAN LONGHAIR

### GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

As with the Manx, the overall appearance of the Isle of Man Longhair is of roundedness and substance.

- Head:** Round head with prominent cheeks which is slightly longer than it is broad. Moderately rounded forehead. pronounced cheekbones and jowliness enhance the round appearance. Definite whisker break with large round whisker pads. In profile there is a gentle nose dip and a well developed muzzle with strong chin.
- Ears:** Ears wide at the base, tapering gradually to a rounded tip, with sparse interior furnishings. Medium in size whilst in proportion to the head, widely spaced and set slightly outwards.
- Eyes:** Oval to round, set at a slight angle towards the nose. Eye colour to conform to requirements of coat colour.
- Body:** Solidly muscled, compact and well balanced of medium size with sturdy bone structure. The medium length back is flat between shoulders and rump with obvious substance across the shoulders and chest.
- Tail, Legs and Feet:** Tail should be medium in length and width, tapering to a rounded end. Legs are medium in length but well boned with forelegs set well apart to emphasise the broad deep chest. Hind legs may be slightly longer than front legs but not to the degree of the Manx. Paws are neat and round..
- Coat:** The double coat is of medium length, dense and well padded over the main body, gradually lengthening from the shoulders to the rump. Breeches, abdomen and neck-ruff is usually longer than the coat on the main body. Cheek coat is thick and full. The collar like neck-ruff extends from the shoulders, being bib-like around the chest. Tail should be well plumed and breeches should be full and thick to the hocks in the mature cat. Lower leg and head coat (except for cheeks) should be shorter than on the main body and neck-ruff, but dense and full in appearance. Toe tufts and ear tufts are desirable. Coat texture is soft and silky, falling smoothly on the body yet being full and plush due to the double coat. All things being equal in type, preference should be given to cats showing full coating.
- Coat Colour and Markings:** Coat colours acceptable in all recognised British colours.

### SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head and Ears</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Tail, Legs and Feet</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Coat Colour and Markings</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Faults:**

1. Absence of double coat.
2. Extreme type tending towards Exotic.
3. Weak chin.