

BREED CODE: IMS – ISLE OF MAN SHORTHAIR

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

As with the Manx, the overall appearance of the Isle of Man Shorthair 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:** Double coat is short and dense, with a well padded quality due to the longer, open outer coat and the close cottony undercoat. Texture of guard hairs is somewhat hard and appears glossy. A softer coat may occur in white and dilutes but should not be confused with the silky texture found in the Longhair Isle of Man.
- Coat Colour and Markings:** Coat colours acceptable in all recognised British colours.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head and Ears	25
Eyes	10
Body	25
Tail, Legs and Feet	20
Coat	15
Coat Colour and Markings	5
Total	100

Faults:

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