

# BREED CODE: TMA - TASMAN MANX

## GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The overall impression of the Manx cat is one of roundedness. The constant repetition of curves gives the appearance of great substance, a cat that is powerful without being coarse. NO matter how tailless the exhibit, if type is contrary to the standard for the whole cat, type must prevail.

- 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:** Slightly oval tending to round, set at a slight angle towards the nose with the outer corner slightly higher than the inside corner. Eye colour to confirm to requirements of coat colour.
- Body:** Solidly muscled, compact and well balanced, medium in size with sturdy bone structure. The short back forms a smooth arch from shoulders to rump, curving at the rump to give the desirable rounded look. The flank has greater depth than other breeds which emphasises the shortness of back and length of hind leg.
- Taillness:** Absolute in the perfect specimen (rumpy), however both rumpy risers and stumpys are acceptable on the show bench, with preference given to the rumpy when exhibits are otherwise of equal merit.
- Legs and Feet:** Forelegs short and set well apart to emphasis the broad deep chest. Hindlegs are longer than forelegs causing the rump to be higher than the shoulders. Paws are neat and round.
- Coat:** Short, and should have a wiry appearance, but soft to touch. Guard hairs should appear glossy. Hair should have a rippled feel to the touch along the spine, and much softer on the stomach. Whiskers must be kinked. Ear furnishings sparse. Hind feet should have little or no hair.
- Coat Colour and Markings:** Coat colours acceptable in all recognised British colours.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head and Ears</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Taillessness</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Legs and Feet</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Coat Colour and Markings</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
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### **Faults:**

1. Absence of double coat.
2. Noticeable dip in back between shoulder and rump.
3. Extreme type tending towards Exotic.
4. Weak chin.