

BREED CODE: DRX – DEVON REX

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Devon Rex is a breed of unique appearance. It is a shorthaired breed of medium size and medium fine build with a unique head type which displays a short, broad wedge, with prominent cheekbones. Large, low set, very wide based ears and large, oval eyes set on a slant with a mischievous expression give the breed its 'pixie' face. The short, dense coat, which is soft in texture, has a distinctive wave or ripple especially over the back and sides. Allowances may be made for lack of full coat development in kittens with very good type over fully coated ones exhibiting lesser type. The cat should be of medium size and in excellent physical condition. Males are generally larger than females.

Head

The head is to be a broad modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with widely spaced prominent cheekbones, a short, well-defined muzzle with prominent whisker pads and definite whisker break.

In the front view, the wedge is characterised by a widening series of three distinct convex curves; the whisker pads, the cheekbones, and the lower part of the outer ear. In profile the nose is short and broad with a strongly marked stop; the forehead curves back to a flat skull. The firm chin is of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

Allowance to be made for stud jowls in the adult male.

Eyes

Large, oval-shaped, and slanting towards the outer edges of the ears. Set wide apart in harmony with the broad cheekbones.

The eye colour shall be in keeping with the coat colour, including colour restricted varieties (pointed - blue, mink – aqua, sepia - yellow to gold).

Ears

Large, low-set, wide at the base, tapering to rounded tips. Well covered with fine fur, with sparse furnishings, and with or without ear muffs and tufts.

Neck

Neck slender and medium in length.

Body

Slender, hard, and muscular; of medium length and carried high on long slender legs. The chest is broad, firm, and rounded in profile.

Legs	Long and slender with medium fine boning. Length of hind legs emphasised. Legs set on the body to give a bandy look, more noticeable in the front.
Paws	Small and oval.
Tail	Medium fine boning, long and tapering, well covered with short fur. Preference given to wavy fur.

Coat

Length

The coat is short and of even length on the back, sides, upper legs, and tail. It is very short on the head, ears, neck, paws, chest, and abdomen, sometimes too short to wave.

Kittens may have very short fur all over; even if not long enough to wave, it must cover the kitten evenly so that no bare patches are evident.

Whiskers and eyebrows crinkled; rather coarse, of medium length and may sometimes be stubbly.

Texture and Density

The cat is well covered with fine, soft, and dense fur, with the greatest density occurring on the back, sides, tail, legs, face, and ears. Slightly less density is permitted on the top of head, neck, chest, and abdomen. The coat has the appearance of being without guard hairs. (A few short guard hairs are acceptable.)

Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults; however the existence of down on the underparts of the body should not be misinterpreted as bareness. Sparse hair on the temples (forehead in front of the ears) is not a fault.

Preference is given to full covering of fur in exhibits of equivalent type.

Waviness

A rippled, wavy effect should be apparent when the coat is smoothed with the hand. The wave is most evident where the coat is the longest, on the body and tail.

Allowance should be made for lack of curl and length of coat in kittens.

Colour/Pattern

All coat colours and patterns are accepted.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	35
Size and shape.....	10
Muzzle.....	5
Profile and Chin	5
Eyes	5
Ears	10
Body	30
Torso.....	10
Legs and Paws	10
Neck.....	5
Tail	5
Coat	35
Length	10
Texture and Density	15
Waviness	10
TOTAL	100

Faults:

1. A coat which is overlong, too short, straight or too loosely waved.
2. Sparse patches in the coat (except in kittens).
3. Bare patches in the coat. *
4. Cobby body.
5. Lack of firm muscle.
6. Narrow, long, or round head.
7. Incorrect eye shape.
8. Small or high set ears.
9. Excessively weak chin.
10. A short tail which detracts from overall balance.

Withhold Challenge Certificate or First Place in Kitten Classes for:

In addition to those in 'For the Guidance of Judges':

1. Extensive bareness. *

2. Long hair on the tail.
3. The presence of a significant number of guard hairs which affect the texture of the coat.
4. Weak hind legs.
5. Any evidence of illness or poor health.
6. A shaggy or very long coat.

* **Many Devon Rex cats have down on the under-parts. This should not be misinterpreted as bareness.**