

BREED CODE: CRX – CORNISH REX

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Cornish Rex cat is distinguished by its complete, short, thick coat which curls, waves or ripples. Elegant, fine, and slender in type, yet hard, muscular, and surprisingly heavy; it is a cat of gentle curves and arches which has a distinctly tucked-up appearance behind the rib cage.

Head	The head is medium in size, and about one-third longer than it is wide. The skull should be flat and, in profile, there is a slight curve from the centre of the forehead to the tip of the nose, with a high, prominent bridge. When viewed from the side, the overall shape, including the strong chin, resembles an egg. Whisker pads are full and well defined, forming a slight pinch. Cheek bones are high and chiselled.
Eyes	Oval shaped and wide open, medium in size and slanting very slightly upward, set an eye's width apart. Eye colour should complement coat colour.
Ears	Large and set rather high on the head, wide at the base, tapering to rounded tops and well-covered with fine fur.
Body	The body is hard and muscular, slender and graceful but not tubular, slightly longer than medium length. The chest is deep but not broad. The back is arched, especially evident when the cat is standing naturally. The belly curves gently upwards from the rib cage to give a tucked-up appearance. The hindquarters are slightly rounded and well-muscled. The neck is long and slender, with a characteristic arched shape.
Legs & Paws	The legs are long, fine-boned, and muscled, and the feet small and oval. The overall impression is of a cat standing on its toes.
Tail	Fine, long, slender, and tapering. Well covered with wavy fur.

Coat

Short, thick and silky, very soft to the touch, and completely free of guard hairs. It should curl, wave, or ripple from the top of the head and across the back, sides, hips, and tail. The fur on the underside of the chin, chest and abdomen is short and noticeably wavy. Whiskers and eyebrows are crinkled and of good length; they should be present, although are often broken. All coat colours and patterns are acceptable.

Note: To protect the coat during judging do not over handle.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	30
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Eyes	5
Ears	10
Body	30
Body, Legs, & Neck	25
Tail	5
Coat	40
TOTAL	100

Faults:

1. Straight or shaggy coat.
2. Coarse or guard hairs in coat.
3. Bare patches to be considered a fault in kittens and a serious fault in cats.
Note: Down on underparts should not be interpreted as bareness.
4. Head too triangular or round.
5. Small ears.
6. Cobby body.
7. Lack of muscle tone.
8. Short or bare tail.

Withhold Challenge Certificate or First Place in Kitten Classes for:

As listed in 'For the Guidance of Judges'.