

DEVON REX

GENERAL STANDARD

The Devon Rex is a well-muscled and alert, medium-sized cat. Apart from its soft, rippling, wavy coat, its most distinctive feature is its head, which has exaggeratedly full cheeks, large lustrous eyes and oversized, flared ears. Males are generally larger than females.

HEAD: Short broad wedge, broader than it is long with high cheek bones. Strong muzzle with firm chin and a well-defined whisker break. Short nose with definite stop. Prominent brow curving back to a flat skull.

EARS: Oversized for the head. They are large, flared and set very low, very wide at the base, with rounded tops and tufts, well covered with fine fur. Earmuffs are desirable.

EYES: Large and oval or almost round in shape and slanted slightly down towards the nose. They are set wide apart in harmony with the broad cheekbones.

NOSE: Short and broad, with a very marked stop.

CHEEKS: Very broad, with prominent cheekbones, giving a full-faced expression.

JAWS: Strong and well defined, with a short, broad muzzle and whisker break.

CHIN: Very firm, in balance with the broad muzzle. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

NECK: Moderately slender in comparison to the head and body

BODY: Slender, hard and muscular, of medium length, with a broad chest and a straight back-line.

TAIL: Long and tapering, in proportion to the body, with wavy hair.

LEGS: Slim legs, with length of hind legs emphasized

PAWS: Small and oval.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head and neck	25	
Ears	10	
Eye shape and set	5	40
Body	15	
Legs and paws	5	
Tail	5	25
Coat wave, texture, coverage and length	30	
Condition	5	35
Total		100

FAULTS / PENALTIES

REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:

PENALISE:

- Shaggy, coarse, too long a coat or too little coverage.
- Not waved, bare or bushy tail.
- Lack of muscle tone.
- Small, close or high-set ears.
- Incorrect eye shape.
- Lack of defined stop in profile.
- Lack of ear muffs.
- Bare patches in kittens only.

WITHHOLD:

- Baldness, bare patches or straight coat.
- Body which is too fine or too short and thickset.

COAT AND COLOUR

COAT TEXTURE AND LENGTH: Short, and soft in texture. The coat must be waved or rippled, particularly on the back, sides and tail; waving may also extend down the legs. The coat on the head and neck, over the shoulders and on the legs and paws is sometimes too short to wave. Although waving in these areas is desirable absence of it is not a withholding fault. A few short guard hairs are acceptable. Whiskers and eyebrows crinkled, rather coarse, of medium length and may sometimes be stubbly. Allowance should be made for lack of curl and length of coat in kittens

CONDITION: Well-muscled, lively and alert, with a soft coat in excellent condition.

COAT COLOUR: All colours and patterns are accepted. There are no points for coat colour.

EYE COLOUR: Clear and bright, any colour acceptable, but MUST be blue in pointed Rex. Odd-eyed Whites are acceptable.

NOTE: Bare patches should not be misinterpreted as areas of "down" covered skin, but where the skin feels "hot and sticky".

BREEDING NOTES

Outcrosses – None (Unless under an approved experimental breeding program)