

SCOTTISH FOLD

GENERAL STANDARD

The Scottish Fold cat occurred as a spontaneous mutation in Scotland. Overall, it is a well-rounded cat of medium bone, with small, folded ears, giving the breed its distinctive appearance. Males are generally larger than females.

HEAD: Well rounded with prominent cheeks, has well-defined whisker pads and is well set on a short neck. Allowance should be made for jowls in adult males. In profile, the head is rounded, balanced front and back, with a slight nose stop and good depth of chin.

EARS: Small, folded forwards and downwards. A very small, tightly folded ear is preferred to a loose fold and a large ear. The ears must be set well apart, in a cap-like fashion, forming part of the rounded contour of the head. The tips are rounded.

EYES: Large, well-rounded, well opened, with the width of an eye between the eyes, creating a sweet expression.

NOSE: Short and broad. In profile, it has a gentle curve. A slight stop is permitted, but a definite nose break is a fault.

CHEEKS: Prominent and rounded, with well-defined whisker pads.

JAWS: Rounded, not pointed, pinched or square.

CHIN: Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

NECK: Short.

BODY: Medium, rounded and well padded with no hint of coarseness. It has a level back, good depth of chest and is equal in girth from shoulder to rump.

LEGS: Strongly boned and of medium length. There should be no stiffness or lack of mobility due to distortion or rigidity in the leg bones and joints.

PAWS: Neat and well rounded.

TAIL: Medium to long, in proportion to the body, reasonably broad at the base, flexible along the entire length and tapering. A longer tapering tail is preferred.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	15	
Ears	25	
Eyes	5	45
Body	15	
Tail	20	
Legs and paws	5	40
Coat	10	
Condition	5	15
Total		100

FAULTS / PENALTIES

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

PENALISE:

- Large or high-set ears.
- Small or close-set eyes.
- Definite nose break or defined stop.
- Uneven bite or weak chin.
- Muzzle pinch.
- Splayed toes.
- Fine boning or lack of size.
- Cottony coat in longhair varieties.

WITHHOLD:

- Coarseness, distortion or abnormality of the leg bones.
- Foreshortened, thick, inflexible or kinked tail.
- Incorrect or insufficient fold in ears.

COAT AND COLOUR

COAT COLOUR: Can be in all recognized colours and patterns.

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (SHORTHAIR): Medium short, dense, soft and resilient, without the bounce of the British Shorthair coat. Texture may vary due to colour and/or regional or seasonal variation.

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (LONGHAIR): Medium to long. Full coat on face and body is desirable, but short hair is permissible on the face and legs. Britches, tail plume and toe tufts should be visible with a ruff being desirable. Seriously penalise for a cottony coat.

EYE RIMS AND NOSE LEATHER: To harmonise with coat colour.

PAW PADS: To harmonise with coat colour.

EYE COLOUR: To harmonise with coat colour.

BREEDING NOTES

Scottish Shorthair, British Shorthair and Domestic are allowable outcrosses. Straight eared progeny to be registered as Scottish SH.