



Cornish Rex

General Standard

The Cornish Rex is an elegant, well-muscled, alert, medium-sized cat of foreign type. Its most distinctive features are its short, soft, plush, rippling or wavy coat, its longish head, large ears and characteristic tuck up of the stomach. Males are generally larger than females.

Head	Of good length, about one third longer than its maximum width. From the front, it is of medium width across the skull, narrowing to a medium wedge with a strong chin and may have a slight indentation at the muzzle. In profile, a straight line extends from the tip of the nose to the centre of the forehead. This continues into a flat skull, followed by a gentle curve over the back of the head, flowing into the neck.
Ears	Large and angled slightly outwards, set rather high on the head, neither low nor flared. They are wide at the base and tapering to rounded tips, well covered in fine fur.
Eyes	Medium-sized and oval in shape, angled slightly down to the nose.
Nose	Straight.
Cheeks	Marginally broader than the line of the wedge.
Chin	Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.
Jaws	Strong, of medium width and not blunt or pointed.
Neck	Elegant, of medium fineness and flowing smoothly into the body
Body	Slender, hard and muscular. It is medium long. A very slight arch in the back rather than a straight spine line.
Legs	Long, slender, straight and in proportion to the body, with the hind legs being slightly longer than the front, giving the appearance of being on tiptoes.
Paws	Small and oval.
Tail	Long, fine and tapering, in proportion to the body and is well covered with wavy fur.
Condition	Well muscled, lively and alert.

Scale of Points

Head & neck	15	
Ears	10	
Eye Shape & Set	5	30
Body	15	
Tail	5	
Legs and paws	5	25
Coat coverage, wave, texture and length	35	
Crinkly whiskers and eyebrows	5	40
Condition	5	5
Total		100

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Penalise:

- Guard hairs, shaggy, coarse or too short a coat, too little coverage.
- Not waved, bare or bushy tail.
- Straight coat along spine line.
- Lack of muscle tone.
- Small ears.
- Incorrect eye shape.
- Dip in profile.
- Whisker break or muzzle pinch.
- Lack of stomach tuck.
- Marked arch in back.

Withhold:

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

Coat & Colour

Coat Texture & Length	Short, soft and plushy, without guard hairs and should wave, ripple or curl. The whiskers and eyebrows are crinkled, rather coarse and of medium length. All colours and patterns are accepted. There are no points for coat colour. Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults.
Condition	Well-muscled, lively and alert.
Eye Colour	Any colour acceptable, clear and bright, in harmony with coat colour. It MUST be blue in pointed.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

None.

Notes

Pointed varieties have blue eyes. Blue eyes or odd eyes are only allowed for white cats or cats with white in van, bi-colour or unspecified amount of white.

Standard Updates

March 2023 – Standard reformatted. This reformatted standard includes all previous updates and amendments.

For information on previous standard updates and amendments, please see the Register of Breed Standards Updates on the CCCA website or contact the CCCA Secretary.

19 November 2023 - "Foundation" section removed as this was not approved for inclusion in the reformatted standard.

24 February 2025 – Note regarding blue eyes.