



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.
Legs	Slim legs, with length of hind legs emphasized.
Paws	Small and oval.
Tail	Long and tapering, in proportion to the body, with wavy hair.

Scale of Points

Head & neck	25	
Ears	10	
Eye shape & Set	5	40
Body	15	
Legs & 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 & Colour

Coat Texture & 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

Allowable Outcross

None (Unless under an approved experimental breeding program)

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.