



La Perm

General Standard

The La Perm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both longhair and shorthair cats. It is medium sized and curly coated with semi-foreign type. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. Males are generally larger than females. Not to resemble any recognised breed.

Head	Modified wedge with slightly rounded contours. There is a gentle convex curve rising from the bridge of the nose to the brow. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded with long whiskers. Muzzle to be slightly broad in proportion to the wedge and should have a moderate to strong whisker break. Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of the head then become a gentle curve over the top of the head flowing down into the neck.
Ears	Medium to large, slightly flared and cupped and continuing the modified wedge of the head. Full furnishings and earmuffs with lynx tipping preferred on longhair adults but not required on shorthairs.
Eyes	Medium large, expressive, set moderately far apart and slightly slanted toward the outside base of the ear. Almond in shape at rest and rounder when alert.
Nose	Slight dip just below the bottom of the eye and continuing a straight line to the tip. Dip must be felt for as it can appear to be straight.
Cheeks	To show gentle contour.
Chin	Strong and firm and in a vertical line with tip of nose.
Neck	Carried erect, medium long and in proportion with body length.
Body	Semi foreign. Medium size and boning with slightly higher hindquarters.
Legs	Medium length with medium fine boning and in proportion to body length. Hind legs slightly longer than forelegs.
Paws	Rounded.
Tail	In proportion to body length and tapering from base to tip.
Condition	Well-muscled

Scale of Points

Head (incl ears, eyes, shape, chin, muzzle, nose & neck.)	40	
Body (incl tail, torso, legs and paws)	25	
Coat (incl texture, length, and colour)	30	
Condition	5	
Total		100

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Penalise:

- **Lack of ear furnishings on longhair adults.**
- **Non visible tail faults.**

Withhold:

- Cobby body.
- Short legs.
- Visible tail faults.
- Straight hair.

Coat & Colour

Coat Length & Texture	Shorthair: Short to medium long. Coat is springy, light and airy and will stand away from the body with waves or curls over most of the cat. It is not required to have ringlets, ruff or earmuffs. At times, the coat will part naturally down the centre of the back. Texture may be firmer than longhair and may vary among colours. There is no ruff and the tail to be like a bottle brush and may be wavy but not plumed. Longhair: Medium long to long and may have a ruff on neck at maturity. Coat is springy, light and airy, not be too thick and heavy and should be free from matting. It should be loose and bouncy and standing away from the body. Curls are preferred to waves and the cat should have an almost unkempt appearance (the “Gypsy Shag” look). At times the coat will part naturally down the centre of the back. It may vary in length and fullness according to the season and also the maturity of the cat. Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff, at the base of the ears and the base of the tail. Texture may vary among colours. The tail is plumed with some curling.
Coat Colour & Pattern	All coat colours and patterns that are genetically possible in the cat may occur in the La Perm. Colour is of secondary importance to other factors.
Eye Colour	All eye colours allowed. Eye colour has no relationship to coat colour.
Nose Leather	Plain or mottled, to tone with the coat colour in the nose area.
Paw Pads	Plain or mottled, to tone with the coat colour.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

Allowable outcross: Domestic Longhair or Shorthair of unknown origin, not resembling any other breed (until 2015).

Notes

None

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.