



Munchkin Longhair & Munchkin Shorthair

General Standard

The Munchkin is a medium sized cat, well muscled, with strong distinctive short legs. This is the result of a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation; shortening the long bones in the legs. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent and respond well to handling. They are accepted in both long and short coat lengths and must not resemble any recognised breed. Males are generally larger than females.

Head	Modified wedge with rounded contours, medium in size and in proportion to the body. Profile has a gentle rise from bridge of nose, showing a slight indentation.
Ears	Medium in size, broad at the base, tapering to a slightly rounded tip, placed as much on the top of the head as on the side. Well furnished on longhair.
Eyes	Almost rounded, in a slightly oblique setting and well apart to give an open alert expression.
Nose	Medium length, with a gentle curve and is set below the eye line. In profile, there is a slight indentation, but not a break or stop.
Cheeks	Well rounded and broader in males.
Jaws	Strong and gently rounded.
Chin	Firm and rounded and in a vertical line with tip of nose.
Neck	Medium sized, and firmly muscled, especially in males, in balance with the body and blending smoothly into the shoulders.
Body	Medium sized and medium long in length. The muscular torso has a well-rounded chest, depth of flank and firm hips. The shoulder blades may appear higher but should not be prominent. There is a slight rise from the shoulders to tail, as the back legs are slightly longer than the front legs. Back is straight and will show a slight rise from shoulders to rump. Hindquarters are firm and straight when viewed from behind. The cat when viewed from above has head shoulders and hips of nearly equal width.
Legs	Short, with upper and lower forelegs equal in length. Elbows appear to be higher on body than other cats because of the shorter legs and should lie close to ribcage and not bow outward. They should show good forearm muscle (this may give the illusion of bowing on well-muscled cats, due to the solid muscle development of the triceps and biceps) Bowing should be gauged from the inside forearms. Slight bowing is allowable especially in large mature males. Thigh and lower leg are approximately equal in length moderately angulated at knee and hock when at rest.
Paws	Round and firm, squarely placed, not pointing excessively in or outward.
Tail	Medium thick, tapering to a rounded tip with length in proportion to the body, set high and carried erect.
Condition	Excellent muscular condition is required. Any indication that the cat is not in good physical condition or has not had proper grooming should be penalised.

Scale of Points

Head (incl. size & shape of eyes)	30	
Body (incl. torso, neck, tail)	30	
Legs & paws	20	
Coat texture, Colour & Pattern	15	
Condition & Balance	5	
Total		100

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Faults:

- Cow hocks.
- Excessive bowing.
- Foreign type or fine boning.
- Extreme nose break or excessively long nose.
- Excessive cobbiness.
- Any resemblance to an established recognised breed.

Withhold:

- Sway back.
- Excessive dip behind the shoulder (lordosis).

Coat Length & Texture	Shorthair: The texture is resilient, plush, dense and of medium texture. An all weather coat with natural protective appearance. Longhair: A semi- longhair coat of moderate density and silky texture. It has a ruff, britches and a full flowing tail plume.
Colour / Pattern / Markings	All recognised colours and patterns. White lockets or buttons are permitted.
Eye Colour	No relationship between coat colour and eye colour.
Nose Leather / Paw Pads	Plain or mottled, to tone with the coat colour in the nose area.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

- Domestic short and longhair.
- Munchkin variants (normal leg length) as breeding partners, but not to show.

Notes

There should be no resemblance to an established recognised breed.

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.