



# Scottish Shorthair & Scottish Longhair

## General Standard

*The standard for the Scottish is the same as for the Scottish Fold in all respects apart from the ears, which are not folded, but erect on the head. Males are generally larger than females.*

<b>Head</b>	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.
<b>Ears</b>	Medium, straight, with rounded tips and well furnished. They are set well apart but are moderately high on the rounded head.
<b>Eyes</b>	Large, well-rounded, well opened, with the width of an eye between the eyes, creating a sweet expression.
<b>Nose</b>	Short and broad. In profile, it has a gentle curve. A slight stop is permitted, but a definite nose break is a fault.
<b>Cheeks</b>	Prominent and rounded, with well-defined whisker pads.
<b>Jaws</b>	Rounded, not pointed, pinched or square.
<b>Chin</b>	Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.
<b>Neck</b>	Short.
<b>Body</b>	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.
<b>Tail</b>	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.
<b>Legs</b>	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.
<b>Paws</b>	Neat and well rounded.

## Scale of Points

Head	25	
Ears	10	
Eyes	5	<b>40</b>
Body	25	
Tail	15	
Legs & paws	5	<b>45</b>
Coat	10	
Condition	5	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## 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.

## Coat & Colour

<b>Coat Colour</b>	Can be in all recognised colours and patterns.
<b>Coat length &amp; texture</b>	<p><b>Shorthair:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Longhair:</b> 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.</p>
<b>Eye rims &amp; nose leather</b>	To harmonise with coat colour.
<b>Paw pads &amp; eye colour</b>	To harmonise with coat colour.

## Breeding Notes

### ***Allowable Outcross***

Scottish Fold MUST NOT be mated to British.

### ***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.

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## 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.