

LAPERM (Longhair [LPL] / Shorthair [LPS]) (Standard Source: TICA 2008)

General:

The LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized and curly-coated, with a semi-foreign type body. All colours are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking high on his legs. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed. Whiskers will be very long and curly, ear furnishings and eyebrow hairs may also curl and may grow long enough to curl into eye. The perfect cat will have a moderately soft, but textured coat that will be loose and bouncy, standing away from the body, resembling a "Gypsy Shag". A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin but will appear very curly. The cat will have ringlet type curls at the base of the ears and on the underside of the neck running into the ruff on the longhaired version. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy.

Head: A modified wedge, slightly rounded, gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded. Muzzle slightly broad in proportion to the wedge. In profile nose is straight with gentle convex curve rising from the base of the eye to the top of the eye. Nose broad and straight with moderate length. Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing down into neck. The brow, cheeks and profile should show gentle contours, with each flowing smoothly into the next. Chin strong and firm and is in a perpendicular line with tip of nose. Neck carried erect and is medium long in proportion to body length.

Ears: Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head; slightly flared and cupped; medium to large with furnishings [horizontal] and earmuffs. Lynx-like tufts [vertical] are desired.

Eyes: Medium large and expressive. Almond shaped at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted to the bottom of the outside ear base.

Body: Boning medium, well-muscled.

Legs and Feet: Legs medium long to match the body. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. Boning is medium. Feet rounded.

Tail: In proportion to body. The tail will be thicker at the base and taper toward the tip.

Coat: **Longhair:**

Medium-long to long; both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. Curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body. A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the "Gypsy Shag" look). Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff and base of ear. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat. The tail is plumed with some curling.

Shorthair:

Short to approximately medium long. Curly or wavy. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It is a textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. A springy coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be like a bottle-brush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

Remarks: Allowances should be made for jowls on mature males. A frizzy-type appearance. Lack of ear furnishings and/or lack of, or short, whiskers in kittens

Faults: Lack of, or short whiskers. Lack of ear furnishings (Longhair:).

Withhold

Challenge: Cobby body, short legs, straight coat.

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including shape (6) chin (5) muzzle (5) nose (2) profile (4) neck (2)</i>	24 points
Ears:		8 points
Eyes:		8 points
Body:	<i>including boning (3); musculature (5); balance (3)</i>	16 points
Legs and Feet:	<i>feet (2)</i>	4 points
Tail:		6 points
Coat:	<i>includes length (8) texture (15)</i>	23 points
Colour:	<i>and pattern (2)</i>	4 points
Condition:	<i>including temperament (3)</i>	7 points
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COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

- Eye Colour:** All colours allowed regardless of coat colour.
- Coat Colour:** All colours allowed [except amber] including with white; any amount of white is allowed, ie. blaze, locket, white on chest/belly/paws etc.
- Coat Pattern:** All patterns allowed.
- Nose Leather:** In accordance with coat colour, outlined in agouti varieties.
- Paw Pads:** In accordance with coat colour.
- Remarks:** For judging purposes varieties are divided into Agouti, Agouti & White, Non-agouti and Non-agouti & White (ie in each group a certificate is awarded).

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Domestic Shorthair/Longhair

Note: All curly progeny resulting from such matings will be recognised as La Perm according to hair length. Straight-coated kittens will be registered as La Perm A.O.V. and may be used in the breeding programme.