

MANX [MAN] (Standard Source: GCCF UK 2014)

General

The overall impression of the Manx is of a medium-sized, muscular cat, with rounded rump, taillessness and a soft, double coat.

Head: Fairly round and large with prominent cheeks. Strong muzzle, without any hint of snipyness and definite whisker break. Nose broad of medium length without any break, but with a gentle dip from the forehead to the nose. Firm chin and even bite.

Ears: Ears fairly tall, set rather high on the head and angled slightly outwards. These should be medium in size and open at the base tapering to a narrow, rounded tip. From a flat, broad plane of head, the ears are angled gently outwards, with a gentle flare from the base of the outer ear to the tip.

Eyes: Large and round and set obliquely, at a slight angle towards the nose, outer corners slightly higher than inner corners.

Body: Solid, compact with good breadth of chest. Short, but not overly shortened back ending in a definite round rump. Length of back is in proportion to the entire cat, height of hindquarters equal to length of body. The rump should be higher than the shoulders. Flanks of great depth.

Legs and Feet: Legs of good substance with front legs short and well set to show good breadth of chest. Back legs longer than the front with powerful, deep thighs. Feet round.

Tail The overall impression should be of balance for roundness of rump to back and hind leg length, giving the impression of proportion to body length, with no anterior contraction of the hock.

Rumpy [51]: Exhibits should appear tailless. The rump should be felt to be completely rounded, with no substantial extension of tail bone or cartilage, although minor rises will be permitted if these do not interfere with the roundness of the rump.

Rumpy Riser: A rise of bone at the end of the spine is allowed and should not be penalised unless it stops the judge's hand, thereby spoiling the tailless appearance of the cat.

Stumpy [53]: A rise of bone which is allowed a maximum length of 3cm. The rump should be extremely broad and round.

Coat: Double-coated showing a well-padded quality arising from a short, very thick undercoat and slightly longer overcoat. The double quality of the coat is of far more importance than colour or markings, which should be taken into consideration only if all other points are equal.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Probing of the "tail" end must not be done as this can result in pain for the exhibit. Gentle cupping of the rump is enough to indicate if there is any protrusion from this area which stops the Judge's hand when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump. Intrusive handling to determine the absence of vertebrae is not acceptable.

Males are generally larger than females.

Faults: Lack of double coat. Eyes not obliquely set. Weak chin. Lack of defined whisker break.

Withhold

Challenge: Rumpy & Rumpy Riser: A definite and prominent rise of bone or cartilage at the end of the spine interfering with the roundness of the rump such that it stops the hand.

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including ears</i>	25 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:		10 points
Body:	<i>including legs and feet</i>	35 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Taillessness:		10 points
Coat:	<i>texture</i>	15 points
Colour:		5 points
Condition:		~ points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: All colours allowed. Colour preferably in keeping with coat colour.

Coat Colour: All colours allowed [except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, apricot and amber] including with white; any amount of white is allowed, ie. blaze, locket, white on chest/belly/paws etc.

Coat Pattern: All patterns, except pointed [including sepia & mink] and ticked tabby.

Nose Leather: In accordance with coat colour, outlined in agouti varieties.

Paw Pads: In accordance with coat colour.

Remarks: For judging purposes:

- (a) Rumpy and Rumpy Riser are judged together and Stumpy in their own classes [Tailed are not shown].
- (b) Varieties are divided into Agouti, Agouti & White, Non-agouti and Non-agouti & White (ie in each group a certificate is awarded.)

Faults: ~

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: ~

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: British Shorthair only every alternate generation except chocolate, lilac, cinnamon, fawn, caramel, & apricot colours and those indicating hybridisation with Himalayan coat pattern [ie Siamese colour restriction] and ticked tabby, to take effect from 1 January 2016.

Rumpy to Rumpy mating not permitted.