

MANX / MANX LONGHAIR

GENERAL STANDARD

The overall impression of the Manx is of a medium-sized, **robust**, well muscled cat, with rounded rump that appears tailless, and a soft, double coat. There is no penalty for a rise of bone or cartilage which does not stop the judge's hand when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump. Males are generally larger than females. Manx mature at around 4-5 years of age so allowance should be made in younger cats.

HEAD: Slightly longer than it is broad, with prominent cheeks, which give the head a rounded appearance. There is a break at the whiskers, with whisker pads and a well-developed muzzle. Snipyness is a fault. Allowance should be made for jowls in stud males.

EARS: Fairly large, rather wide at the base and tapering slightly to a rounded tip. They are angled slightly outward. when viewed from behind, the ear set resembles the rocker on a cradle. The furnishings of the ears are sparse in Manx and fully furnished in Cymric.

EYES: Large, round and full. They are set a slight angle, with the outer corner slightly higher than the inner corner.

NOSE: Broad and straight, medium to long. In profile, there is no dip or break.

CHEEKS: Prominent.

JAWS: Strong, without either snipyness or too much width.

CHIN: Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

NECK: Short, muscular and reasonably thick.

BODY: Medium size, solid, compact, with a broad chest, deep flanks and a short back, ending in a definite round rump which is as round as an orange. The rump is higher than the shoulders and the hindquarters should not be too high, nor should the back be too short.

LEGS: Heavily boned, well-muscled, straight and short. The hind legs are longer than the front legs, with powerful thighs.

PAWS: Round and firm.

TAIL:– Rumpie/Rumpie Riser – little or no tail evident. A rise of bone or cartilage at the end of the rump is allowed and should not be penalised unless it is such that it stops the judge's hand "cupping the rump" and thereby spoiling the appearance of the tailless extremely broad, rounded rump. The rump area should be felt by the judge only with the palm of the hand, without probing for tail vertebrae.

Stumpie – Tail less than 3cm with no kinks or breaks visually evident.

Note: It is preferred that there are no breaks or kinks evident in the stumpie or tailed varieties of Manx.

Tailed – a full medium length tail in balance with the body with no kinks or breaks visually evident.

Note: Tailed Manx may only be exhibited in a litter.

HANDLING: When carrying Manx varieties to the Judging table, care must be taken to support the rear of the exhibit. 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.*

SCALE OF POINTS -RUMPIE / RISER

Head	15	
Ears	10	
Eyes	5	30
Body, including rump and depth of flank	25	
Taillessness	15	
Legs and paws	10	50
Coat length and texture	15	
Condition	5	20
Total		100

SCALE OF POINTS - STUMPIE

Head	15	
Ears	10	
Eyes	5	30
Body, including rump and depth of flank	30	
Stump [3cm length]	10	
Legs and paws	10	50
Coat length and texture	15	
Condition	5	20
Total		100

FAULTS / PENALTIES

REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:

PENALISE:

- Fine boning.
- Level back.
- Lack of muscle tone.
- Snipyness.
- Pronounced nose break.
- Single coat.
- kinks or breaks visually evident

WITHHOLD:

- Definite rise of bone or cartilage at the end of the spine, interfering with the roundness of the rump in Rumpie or Rumpie Riser.
- Any other anatomical abnormality.

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COAT AND COLOUR

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (MANX SHORTHAIR):

Coat is short, soft and double, with a longer outer coat and a thick, close undercoat, making for a well-padded appearance. Allowance should be made for considerable seasonal variations.

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE (MANX LONGHAIR):

Coat is a double coat of medium length over the body, falling smoothly with no tendency to matt. Ruff length is in keeping with the overall coat length; slightly longer and heavier on the adult male. Coat is dense, silky and considerably shorter than the body coat on the face, below the elbows, on the front legs and the hocks on the back legs. Breeches are full and thick to the hocks in the mature cat. Moderate ears tufts and furnishings and a suggestion of toe tufts are desirable. Preference should be given to full-coated specimens.

COAT COLOUR: All colours and patterns are recognized.

EYE COLOUR: To harmonise with coat colour.

There is otherwise no standard or point allocation for coat colour or eye colour.

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES:

Indigenous Manx, whether registered or unregistered from the Isle of Man and British SH are the allowable outcrosses.