

EXOTIC SHORTHAIR [EXO] (Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

General

The Exotic is a medium to large cat. Its primary features are its sweet expression set in a round face, its low on the legs, and thickset, muscular body. The Exotic is the shorthair version of the Persian. The colours and patterns recognised are as for Persians.

- Head:** Round and massive with great breadth of skull; well balanced. Full cheeks, forehead smoothly rounded without depressions or protrusion of bone. Short, broad nose with stop centred between the eyes – nose leather broad, with open nasal apertures. Broad and powerful jaws. Strong chin. Short, thick neck.
- Ears:** Small, round-tipped ears, set wide apart and low on the head, with full ear furnishings [horizontal].
- Eyes:** Large, full, round eyes; brilliant and set wide apart. Sweet open expression.
- Body:** Large or medium in size. Cobby, low on the legs; broad chest; massive shoulders and rump; well-muscled.

Legs and Feet: Short, thick, strong legs. Large, round, firm paws.

Tail: Short and bushy but in proportion to body length, not ending in a point.

Coat: Dense, plushy, soft in texture; standing out from the body due to density, not lying flat. Slightly longer than the coat of the British Shorthair but not long enough to flow. Of uniform length, except in kittens, which may retain guard hairs.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: ~

Faults: Lack of smooth rounding to skull. Pinched nostrils.

Withhold

Challenge: Severe skeletal depression or protrusions of skull.

Disqualify: ~

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	including general head shape, shape, set and size of eyes, ear shape and set, nose length and width, stop, jaw, forehead, teeth.	30 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:	including colour	15 points
Body:	including shape, size and bone structure, tail and length of tail, height and thickness of legs.	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:	Short but in proportion to body length, with rounded tip.	~ points
Coat:	including colour, texture, quality, length, tabby markings, tipping, even patching, Tail is fully coated etc.	30 points
Colour:		~ points
Condition:	grooming and preparation, presentation	5 points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

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Pattern: Refer to the Persian standard.

Remarks: For judging purposes: white cats of any eye colour to compete in one challenge class.

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Challenge: ~

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BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Persian