

# SCOTTISH LONGHAIR [SCL] SCOTTISH SHORTHAIR [SCS]

(Standard Source: ACF 1997 SH / ACF 2007 LH)

## General

The Scottish Shorthair is the straight (pert) eared progeny of Scottish Fold breeding.

**Head:** Well-rounded with a firm chin and jaw. Muzzle to have well rounded whisker pads. Head should blend into a short neck. Prominent cheeks with a jowly appearance in males. Nose to be short with a gentle curve. A brief stop is permitted. Profile is moderate in appearance.

**Ears:** Small but pert with rounded tips, set well apart. Well covered with fur.

**Eyes:** Large, well rounded, and separated by a broad nose. Wide open with a sweet expression.

**Body:** Medium, rounded, and even from shoulder to pelvic girdle. The overall appearance is that of a cat with medium bone.

**Feet and Legs:** The cat should stand firm on medium legs. Rear feet face forward; feet which point outwards to be penalised. There must be no hint of thickness or lack of mobility in the cat due to short, coarse legs. Toes to be neat and well-rounded.

**Tail:** Tail should be medium to long but in proportion to the body. Tail should be flexible and tapering. Longer, tapering tail preferred.

**Coat:** **Longhair:** Medium to long hair length. Full coat on face and body desirable but short hair permissible on face and legs. Breeches, tail plumes, toe tufts, and ear furnishings should be clearly visible with ruff being desirable. Seriously penalise cottony coat, except in kittens.

**Shorthair:** Dense, plush, medium-short, soft in texture, full of life. Standing out from body due to density; not flat or close lying. Coat texture may vary due to colour and/or regional or seasonal changes.

*For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*

**Remarks:** Females may be slightly smaller.

Blue eyes or odd eyes are only allowed for white or cats with white in van, bi-colour including pointed cats, or an unspecified amount of white.

**Faults:** Definite nose break.

## Withhold

**Challenge:** Roach back, grossly cow hocked hind legs.

**Disqualify:** ~

## SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including shape, muzzle, neck, chin, &amp; profile</i>	15 points
Ears:		15 points
Eyes:	<i>including colour</i>	10 points
Body:	<i>structure of torso, legs and paws</i>	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		15 points
Coat:	<i>including texture and length.</i>	10 points
Colour:	<i>coat and pattern</i>	15 points
Condition:		~ points

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**100 points**

## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description

- Eye Colour:** To correspond with coat colour and pattern. Pointed varieties have blue eyes.
- Coat Colour:** All colours as for British Shorthairs, with the addition of the mink colour series below.
- Coat Pattern:** All patterns as for British Shorthairs, with the addition of mink/sepia.
- 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.)  
For judging purposes: White cats of any eye colour compete in one challenge class.
- Faults:** ~
- Withhold**
- Challenge:** ~
- Disqualify:** ~

### General Description Mink Pattern

The mature specimen should be rich, even, unmarked colour, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the underparts. Allowance to be made for lighter body colour in young cats. With dilute colours in particular, development of full body colour may take up to 16 months. Cats do darken with age, but there must be a distinct contrast between body colour and points. Point colour (mask, ears, feet, and tail) all densely marked, but merging gently into body colour. Except in kittens, mask and ears should be connected by tracings.

Eye colour: Aqua depth, clarity, and brilliance of colour preferred.

#### Scottish Shorthair Mink colours

Brown (*n 32*)  
Blue (*a 32*)  
Chocolate (*b 32*)  
Lilac (*c 32*)  
Red (*d 32*)  
Cream (*e 32*)  
Caramel (*am 32 blue based/cm 32 lilac based/pm 32 fawn based*)  
Apricot (*em 32*) Brown  
Tortie (*f 32*) Blue Tortie (*g 32*)  
Chocolate Tortie (*h 32*)  
Lilac Tortie (*j 32*)  
Caramel Tortie (*gm 32 blue based/jm 32 lilac based/rm 32 fawn based*)

For colour descriptions refer to Tonkinese mink standards.

#### Scottish Shorthair Sepia colours

Brown (*n 31*)  
Blue (*a 31*)  
Chocolate (*b 31*)  
Lilac (*c 31*)  
Red (*d 31*)  
Cream (*e 31*)  
Caramel (*am 31 blue based/cm 31 lilac based/pm 31 fawn based*)  
Apricot (*em 31*) Brown  
Tortie (*f 31*) Blue Tortie (*g 31*)  
Chocolate Tortie (*h 31*)  
Lilac Tortie (*j 31*)  
Caramel Tortie (*gm 31 blue based/jm 31 lilac based/rm 31 fawn based*)

For colour descriptions refer to Tonkinese Sepia standards.

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## BREEDERS NOTES

*Allowable outcross: Scottish Fold.*

**Note:** Scottish Shorthair/Longhair cannot be used with British Shorthair or any British program. Also refer to ACF (Inc.)

