



## Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard SELKIRK REX

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### Selkirk Rex POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Ears	5
(c) Eyes	5
(d) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	10
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	15
(b) Legs & Feet	10
(c) Tail	5
Color	1
Coat	35
Condition	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

#### GENERAL:

The Selkirk Rex is the result of a dominant, spontaneous mutation that causes each hair (guard, down and awn) to have a gentle curl giving the coat a soft feel. This is a medium to large cat with heavy boning that gives the cat surprising weight and an impression of power. Females may be less massive than males but not dainty in appearance. The Selkirk Rex is an active cat with a sweet and endearing personality. Balance and substance are the essence of the breed, where all parts come together in harmonious whole with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature.

#### HEAD

EYES	large, rounded, set well apart. The eyes should not appear almond or oval-shaped. The outside corner is set very slightly higher than the inner corner, giving a sweet open expression to the face
EARS	medium in size, broad at the base, tapering, set well apart. Should fit into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head. Furnishings, if present, are curly.
HEAD SHAPE & SIZE	Head is round, broad and full-cheeked in both males and females. Skull structure is smooth and round to the touch from the stop to the back of the head as well as across the breadth of the forehead and



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	between the ears.
NOSE & PROFILE	Profile reveals a nose stop. The nose has a downward slant with a convex curve and is set below the eye line.
MUZZLE & CHIN	The muzzle is medium width. The underlying bone structure is rounded with well-padded whisker pads to give the impression of squareness. The length is equal to 1/2 the width. Profile shows a muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek. The tip of the chin lines up with the tip of the nose and the upper lip in the same vertical plane. Chin is firm and well-developed, balanced in proportion to the rest of the head and should be neither receding nor protruding. Either level or scissors bite is considered correct (level bite top and bottom front teeth meet evenly. Scissors bite – inside edge of top front teeth touch outside edge of lower front teeth)

### BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Medium to large and well-balanced. The substantial muscular torso is more rectangular than square, but not long. Back is straight with a slight rise to the hindquarters. Shoulders and hip should appear to be the same width.
LEGS & FEET	Medium to long. Substantial boning. Legs should be in proportion to the body. Feet is large, round, and firm.
TAIL	Medium length, proportionate to body. Heavy at base, neither blunt nor pointed at tip.

### COAT:

COAT LENGTH	two lengths - short and long. The differences in coat length are most obviously seen on the tail and ruff.
SHORTHAIR	Tail hair is the same length as the coat (approximately 1"-2") and tail curls are plush and lie compactly around the tail. The ruff is the same length as the coat fur. Texture: the coat texture is soft, plushy, full and obviously curly. Density: the coat is dense and full with no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. The coat stands out from the body and should not appear flat or close-lying. Curl: this is a random, unstructured coat, arranged in loose, individual curls. The curls appear to be in "clumps" rather than as an all over wave. Although curl varies by hair length, sex and age in an individual, the entire coat should show



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	the effect of the rex gene. Curliness may be evident more around the neck, on the tail and the belly. Allowance should be made for less curl on younger adults and kittens.
LONGHAIR	Tail curls are plummy and stand out away from the tail. The ruff hairs are also longer and frame the face. Texture: the coat texture is soft, full, and obviously curly. It does not feel or appear to be as plush as the shorthair coat, however, should not appear to be thin. Density: the coat is dense and full with no bald or thinly covered areas of the body. The coat may stand out from the body but may appear and feel less than plush, but not close-lying. Curl: this is a random, unstructured coat, arranged in loose, individual curls. The curls appear to be in “clumps” or “ringlets” rather than as an all over wave. Although curl varies by hair length, sex and age in an individual, entire coat should show the effect of the rex gene. Curliness may be evident more around the neck, on the tail and the belly. Allowance should be made for less curl on younger adults and kittens.

#### **COLOR:**

Any genetically possible color or combination of colors is allowed.

#### **CONDITION:**

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

#### **PENALIZE:**

- ❖ Excessive cobbiness or sleek oriental appearance.

#### **DISQUALIFY:**

- ❖ Extreme nose break,
- ❖ lack of visible muzzle,
- ❖ malocclusion,
- ❖ tail kinks,
- ❖ crossed eyes,
- ❖ obvious physical deformities, including polydactyl feet,
- ❖ no evidence of curl.

#### **SELKIRK REX CODE AND NUMBERS**

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Type of Registered Cats	Male Class	Female Class
Longhair		
Pedigreed	PSRLM	PSRLF
Supernova	SSRLM	SSRLF
Shorthair		
Pedigreed	PSRSM	PSRSF
Supernova	SSRSM	SSRSF

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** Persian, Exotic or British Shorthair