



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard MUNCHKIN

Munchkin POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(k) Shape & Size	10
(l) Nose & Profile	5
(m) Ears	5
(n) Eyes	10
(o) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	5
Body structure	
(i) Shape & Size	10
(j) Boning	5
(k) Legs & Feet	15
(l) Tail	5
Coat	
(c) Length	10
(d) Texture	10
Color	5
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The Munchkin is a short-legged cat. Its distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation which has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled. They are accepted in both long and short coat lengths. The Munchkin and the Munchkin Longhair are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium length plush, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all-weather coat.

HEAD

EYES	Walnut shaped. Spaced rather wide apart giving an open and alert expression, and at a slight angle toward the base of the ears. No
------	--



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

MUNCHKIN

	relationship between coat and eye color.
EARS	In proportion with head, broader at base, ending in slightly rounded tips. Placed as much on top of the head as on the sides; not flaring; alert Furnishings: Lynx tips are acceptable on Longhair cats only.
NOSE & PROFILE	Nose: Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable. Profile: Slight stop. Forehead is flat.
HEAD SHAPE & SIZE	Modified wedge with rounded contours, in proportion with body. Cheekbone is high. Males can appear larger than females. Neck: Firm musculature on males, slightly less on females.
MUZZLE & CHIN	Chin: Firm, but not overly prominent. Aligns with nose. Muzzle: Moderate with gentle contours in proportion with head. Prominent whisker pads are acceptable. Profile: Slight stop. Forehead is flat.

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	Thick semi-foreign body, not compact. Back gently slopes upwards from shoulders to tail. Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Female is generally smaller/lighter than male. Angulated shoulder blades are acceptable.
BONING	Boning is medium without undue bulk. Musculature: Firmly developed muscular strength, not bulky feeling on females.
LEGS & FEET	Legs: Short, set evenly apart when viewed from front or back. Upper and lower forelegs equal in length. Hind Legs: Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Back leg slightly longer than front leg is acceptable. Feet: Round, compact in proportion with body. All four feet pointed directly straight forward, not inward or outward.
TAIL	Carried erect when in motion, tapering to a rounded tip. Not overly thick. Length of the body

COAT & SKIN:

LENGTH (Shorthair)	Medium to short. Solids may have a less dense coat.
LENGTH (Longhair)	Semi-long.
TEXTURE (Shorthair)	Semi-plush, all weather, resilient, with medium undercoat and lustrous appearance.
TEXTURE (Longhair)	Flowing and silky, all weather, with moderate and medium undercoat. Slight to moderate ruff is permissible. Britches are



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

MUNCHKIN

	shaggy, tail has full plume.
--	------------------------------

COLOR:

Accepted all color

CONDITION:

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

PENALIZE:

- ❖ Cowhocking,
- ❖ Protruding sternum, snub or excessively long nose.
- ❖ Round eyes.
- ❖ Round head.

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Short, cobby body,
- ❖ Curly coat.
- ❖ Sway back.
- ❖ Excessive bowing.
- ❖ Appearance of being a recognized breed miniaturized
- ❖ Showing weaknesses on legs

MUNCHKIN CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cats	Male Class	Female Class
Longhair Division		
Pedigreed	PMULM	PMULF
Supernova	SMULM	SMULF
Shorthair Division		
Pedigreed	PMUSM	PMUSF
Supernova	SMUSM	SMUSF

Munchkin allowable outcross breeds: Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed