



## Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard AMERICAN CURL

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### American Curl POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Nose	5
(b) Head shape and skull structure	10
(c) Chin, cheeks and jaws	5
(d) Eyes	5
Ears	
(a) Degree of Curl	15
(b) Shape & Size	10
(c) Placements	5
Body structure	
(a) Boning & Size	10
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Shape	10
(d) Tail	5
Coat	9
Coat Color	1
Condition	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### GENERAL:

The distinctive feature of the American Curl is their attractive, uniquely curled-back ears. Curls are elegant, well balanced, moderately muscled, slender rather than massive in build. Females weigh 5 to 8 pounds, males weigh 7 to 10 pounds. They are alert, active, with gentle, even dispositions

### HEAD:

NOSE & PROFILE	Nose moderate in length and straight, slight rise from bottom of eyes to forehead, gentle curve to top of head, flowing into neck, without a break. Size: medium in proportion to body.
HEAD SHAPE	Modified wedge without flat planes, moderately longer than wide, smooth transitions.
MUZZLE & CHIN	Rounded with gentle transition, no pronounced whisker break. Chin: firm, in line with nose and upper lip



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### EYES:

SHAPE	Walnut; oval on top and round on bottom.
PLACEMENT	set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose one eye width apart.
SIZE	Moderately large.
COLOR	Clear, brilliant, no relation to coat color except blue eyes required in colorpoint class.

### EARS:

DEGREE	Minimum 90 degree arc of curl, not to exceed 180 degrees. Firm cartilage from ear base is at least 1/3 of height.
SHAPE	Wide at base and open, curving back in smooth arc when viewed from front and rear. Tip is rounded and flexible.
SIZE	Moderately large.
PLACEMENT	Erect, set equally on top and side of head.
FURNISHINGS	Desirable.

*Note: when Curls are alert with ears swiveled toward front, lines following curve of ear through tips should point to center of base of skull. (Lines following curve of ear through tips beyond 90 and up to 180 degrees may intersect at a point farther up on skull, but not beyond top of skull)*

### BODY:

SHAPE	Torso shape, semi-foreign rectangle, length one and one half times height at shoulder, medium depth of chest and flank.
SIZE	Intermediate, females weigh 5 to 8 pounds, males weigh 7 to 10 pounds. Musculature: moderate strength and tone, flexible.
TAIL	Flexible, wide at base, tapering; equal to body length.
LEGS	Length medium in proportion to body, set straight when viewed from front or rear.
BONING	Medium and neither fine nor heavy.
NECK	Medium.
FEET	Medium and rounded.



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### COAT:

LONGHAIR DIVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Texture: fine, silky, laying flat.</li> <li>▪ Undercoat: minimal.</li> <li>▪ Coat length: semi-long.</li> <li>▪ Tail coat: full and plumed.</li> <li>▪ Color: all colors and patterns accepted.</li> </ul>
SHORTHAIR DIVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Texture: soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel.</li> <li>▪ Undercoat: minimal.</li> <li>▪ Coat length: short.</li> <li>▪ Tail coat: same length as body coat.</li> </ul>

### COAT COLOR:

All colors and patterns accepted

### CONDITION:

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

### PENALIZE:

EARS	Low set; abrupt change of direction without smooth curve; pinch, horizontal or vertical crimp; interior surface which appears corrugated.
BODY	Tubular or cobby. Size is excessive.
NOSE	Deep nose break.
COAT	Longhair Division: heavy undercoat; heavy ruff; coarse or cottony texture. Shorthair Division: heavy undercoat, coarse texture; dense or plush

### DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Extreme curl in adult where tip of ear touches back of ear or head.
- ❖ Ears that are straight, severely mismatched, thick or having inflexible tips.
- ❖ Lack of firm cartilage in base of ear.
- ❖ Tail faults.



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### AMERICAN CURL CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered cat	Male Class	Female Class
<b>Longhair Division</b>		
Pedigreed	PACLM	PACLF
Supernova	SACLM	SACLF
<b>Shorthair Division</b>		
Pedigreed	PACSM	PACSF
Supernova	SACSM	SACSF

**American Curl allowable outcross breeds: None**