

BREED

MINUET / MINUET LONGHAIR

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GENERAL The Minuet and the Minuet Longhair are short-legged, and TALLs are long-legged, medium to substantially boned cats. They are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat with the shorthair having a plush all-weather coat and the longhair a long silky coat with britches and a plume.

HEAD	SHAPE	The head shape is round, broad, with well rounded contours when viewed from any angle, in proportion to the body. The top head rounded but not domed.
	EYES	Large and round, wide open but not protruding. No brow ridge. Deep brilliant eye color is preferred which conforms to coat color.
	EARS	Medium with preference given to slightly smaller ears but not extreme, rounded tips, in proportion to the head. Set wide apart, but relatively upright.
	PROFILE	Gentle curve to a moderate stop
	NECK	Head should blend into moderately short neck
	NOSE	Moderately short, broad and with an obvious stop, but no break, not snub. Top of the nose leather should not come above the lower edge of the eye.
	CHIN	Rounded and moderate
	MUZZLE	Moderate with gentle contours in proportion with head. Prominent whisker pads are acceptable

BODY

TORSO

MNT/MNL: Semi-cobby, well rounded. Straight top-line preferred, slight rise from the shoulders to tail is acceptable.

MNTT/MNLT: Semi-cobby, Level back, Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Females generally smaller/lighter than males.

FEET

Round, compact in proportion with body. All four feet pointed directly straight forward, not inward or outward

LEGS

MNT/MNL: Short, well developed, firm musculature. Outer upper thigh boning and musculature may be thick and pronounced due to short legs. Inner leg straight with little to no bowing though slight bowing is acceptable.

MNTT/MNLT: Straight and long, set evenly apart when viewed from front or back.

TAIL

In proportion to body length or longer, not short, moderately thick and tapers to a round tip. Long hairs should be plumed and flowing.

BONING

Medium to substantial. In front, legs should be short and straight from the breadth of the chest adding to sturdy appearance.

MUSCULATURE

Substantial, firm and noticeable on front legs.

COAT COLOR PATTERN

TEXTURE

MNT/MNTT: Plush, double coat preferred, all weather, not lying flat.

MNL/MNLT: Soft, slight undercoat gives the coat body but coat still falls smoothly. Not cottony. Possible curls on underbody.

LENGTH

MNT/MNTT: Short. Dense but slightly longer than other shorthairs; standing away from body.

MNL/MNLT: Dense, full, allowing for seasonal variat.

COLOR VARIETIES

All colors and patterns are recognized. The description of colors is listed in the general list of colors.

PENALIZE

Roman nose line or bump on the nose line.
Snub nose.
Short tail.
Excessive tearing eyes.

DISQUALIFY

Sway back.
Bone deformations on forehead and skull.
Nose break or crooked nose.
Excessive bowed legs and excessive cowhocking.
Triangle, flat, narrow, vertical elliptical chest.
Misaligned bite.
Tail faults.

BREED SCORE

Head

35 points/ 40 points

Shape

10

10

Ears

3

4

Eyes

7

10

Chin

2

2

Profile

6

7

Muzzle

2

2

Nose

5

5

Body

40 points/ 35 points

Torso

10

13

Legs

10

5

Feet

3

3

Tail

4

4

Boning

5

5

Musculature

8

5

Coat/Color/Pattern

15 points

Texture

5

5

Pattern

2

2

Length

5

5

Color

3

3

Others

10 points

Condition

3

3

Grooming

2

2

Balance

2

2

Temperament

3

3

OUTCROSS

Persian, Himalayan, Exotic Shorthair/ Longhair, Munchkin Shorthair/ Longhair