

LAPERM BREED GROUP (LP/LS)

The **LaPerm (LP)** is a medium-sized, curly-coated cat, with a semi-foreign type body. The **LaPerm Shorthair (LS)** differs only in hair length.

HEAD	40 points
Shape	6
Ears	8
Eyes	8
Chin	5
Muzzle	5
Nose	2
Profile	4
Neck	2

BODY	23 points
Torso	5
Legs	2
Feet	2
Tail	6
Boning	3
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ..	27 points
Length	8
Texture	15
Pattern	2
Color	2

OTHER	10 points
Balance	3
Condition	4
Temperament	3

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All.

HEAD:

Shape: A modified wedge, slightly rounded, gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded.

Eyes: Medium large and expressive. Almond shaped at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted to the bottom of the outside ear base. Eye color has no relation to coat color.

Muzzle: Slightly broad in proportion to the wedge. Allowances should be made for jowls on mature males.

Profile: Straight nose with gentle convex curve rising from the base of the eye to the top of the eye, Forehead should be a flat plane to the top of head, then smooth gentle curve back over top of head flowing down into neck. The brow, cheeks and profile should show gentle contours, with each flowing smoothly into the next.

Ears: Placed to continue the modified wedge of the head; slightly flared and cupped; medium to large with furnishings and earmuffs. Lynx tipping is desired.

Neck: Carried erect. Is medium long in proportion to body length.

Chin: Strong and firm. Is in a perpendicular line with tip of nose.

Nose: Broad and straight with moderate length.

BODY:

Legs: Medium long to match the body. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. Boning is medium .

Feet: Rounded.

Tail: Is in proportion to body. The LP will have a full plume tail and the LS will have "bottle brush" tail. The tail will be thicker at the base and taper toward the tip.

Boning: Medium.

Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length:

(LP) Medium-long to long; both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The tail is plumed with some curling.

(LS) Short to approximately medium long. There is no ruff. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy.

Texture:

(LP) Curly or wavy, curl is preferred.

The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It has a springy, textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body. A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the "Gypsy Shag" look). Longest and tightest curls are in the ruff and base of ear, The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat.

(LS) Curly or wavy. The feel to the touch is unique among Rex breeds. It is a textured feel. IT IS NOT WIRY. The feel to the touch in degree of softness may vary among individual cats. A springy coat texture standing away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Does not have a ruff or ringlets and the tail will be like a bottle-brush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

Pattern: All.

Colors: All.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium-sized and curly-coated, with a semi-foreign type body. All colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking high on his legs. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed. Whiskers will be very long and curly, ear furnishings and eyebrow hairs may also curl and may grow long enough to curl into eye. The perfect cat will have a moderately soft, but textured coat that will be loose and bouncy, standing away from the body, resembling a "Gypsy Shag". A coat you can run your fingers through to the skin but will appear very curly. The cat will have ringlet type curls at the base of the ears and on the underside of the neck running into the ruff on the

longhaired version. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy.

ALLOWANCES: Lockets; a frizzy-type appearance.

PENALIZE: Lack of ear furnishings (LP). Lack of, or short whiskers. Allowances for kittens.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Cobby body, short legs, straight coat.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.