

MANX BREED GROUP (MX/CY)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE MANX AND CYMRIC: The Manx and Cymric are essentially the same in all respects, the Cymric having a longer coat. The **Cymric (CY)** has a medium/semi long coat with a silky texture, which varies with coat color. Britches, tufts of hair between the toes and full furnishings in the ears distinguish the Cymric from the Manx. The **Manx (MX)** has a short well-padded coat with a crisper texture, which varies with coat color. Sparse furnishing in the ears and no tufts between the toes exemplify the Manx as a shorthair cat.

HEAD	35 points
Shape	6
Ears	6
Eyes	5
Chin	5
Nose/Muzzle/Profile .	8
Neck	5

BODY	40 points
Torso	10
Legs and Feet	10
Tail(less)	8
Boning/Musculature	12

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	15 points
Coat Length	5
Coat Texture	5
Pattern/Color	5

OTHER	10 points
Balance	5
Condition	5

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All.

HEAD:

Shape: Rounded and slightly longer than broad. Medium size. Cheeks are prominent and stud jowls in the mature stud cat.

Ears: Rather wide at base, tapering to rounded tip. Medium-sized, set wide apart; when viewed from behind, they resemble the rocker of a cradle. Hair may be tufted with sparse furnishings in the Manx, and full furnishings in the Cymric.

Eyes: Rounded and large angled, slightly higher at the outer edge of the eye. Color conforms to coat color but should only be considered if all other points are equal.

Chin: Strong.

Muzzle: Slightly longer than broad with definite muzzle break. Round whisker pads.

Profile: Gentle nose dip with a moderately rounded forehead.

Neck: Short and thick.

BODY:

Torso: Cobby, medium-sized body. Great depth of flank, short back which forms a smooth continuous arch from the shoulders to the round rump. Body should not be so short that it appears out of balance.

Legs: Sturdy boning and well-muscled. Forelegs shorter than hind legs. Hind legs with substantial musculature, should be straight when viewed from behind.

Feet: Round shape of medium size. Suggestion of toe tufts in the Cymric.

Tail: Appears tailless. No penalty for a rise of bone or cartilage which does not stop the judge's hand when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump.

Boning: Sturdy.

Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR:

Length:

(MX): Short, double coat, but not close-lying.

(CY): Medium double coat.

Texture:

(MX) Soft. Texture can vary with the coat color. The coat should have a soft, well-padded quality due to the open outer coat and thick, close undercoat. Seasonal changes in coat and texture are allowed.

(CY): Silky. Texture can vary with the coat color. The coat should have a well-padded quality due to the open outer coat and thick close under coat. Seasonal changes in coat length and texture are allowed.

Pattern: All.

Color: All, white buttons or lockets are permitted and are not penalized.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall appearance should be that of a medium-sized, compact, muscular cat. The Manx and Cymric have a round head with a firm muzzle and prominent cheeks, short front legs, height of hindquarters, great depth of flank, and a short back which forms a smooth continuous arch from the shoulders to the round rump. Manx and Cymric are slow in maturing and allowance should be made for young cats in judging depth of flank, stud jowls in the male, and overall lack of maturity. The Manx and Cymric should appear tailless. There is no penalty for a rise of bone or cartilage which does not stop the judges hand

when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump. **The rump of the Manx and Cymric is felt with the palm of the hand ONLY.** The flank should have greater depth than any other breed, adding much to the short, cobby appearance.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length and texture. White button or lockets are permitted and are not penalized.

PENALIZE: Eyes set straight across in head or eyes close together; rangy body, level back; short hind legs, fine boning, bowed or cow-hocked (knock-kneed) hind legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Any congenital deformity. Weak hindquarters causing inability to stand or walk properly. Evidence of illness or poor health.



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.