

MUNCHKIN BREED GROUP (MK/ML)

HEAD	35 points
Shape	4
Ears	5
Eyes ..	5
Chin	4
Muzzle	4
Nose	4
Profile	4
Neck	5

BODY	40 points
Torso	10
Legs	10
Feet	5
Tail	5
Boning	5
Musculature	5

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

OTHER	10 points
Condition and Balance	10

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium-sized, broad, modified wedge with rounded contours. Forehead is flat; rounded tophed and high cheekbones. Heads on males may appear broader.

Ears: Medium to medium large (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: Long hair acceptable.

Eyes: Medium large. Walnut-shaped. Placed rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression, and at a slight angle toward the base of the ears. No relationship between coat and eye color. Deeper, more vivid colors preferred.

Chin: Firm, but not unusually prominent.

Muzzle: Medium in length.

Nose: Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable.

Profile: Slight stop.

Neck: Medium in length, thick. Firmly muscled. Not extremely long nor overly short and thick.

BODY:

Torso: Thick semi-foreign body. Medium-sized, medium-long. Slight rise from the shoulders to tail as the back legs are slightly longer than front legs. Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Females may be smaller than males.

Legs: Short. Upper and lower forelegs equal in length. Hind Legs: Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Round, compact. Medium (females), medium large (males).

Tail: Medium thickness, tapering to a rounded tip. Length in proportion to body. Carried erect when in motion.

Boning: Medium.

Musculature: Medium to substantial.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length (MK): Medium. Solids may have a less dense coat.

Length (ML): Semi-Long.

Texture (MK): Plush, all-weather, resilient, with medium undercoat and lustrous appearance.

Texture (ML): Silky, all-weather, with moderate density and medium undercoat. Slight to moderate ruff permissible. Britches are shaggy, tail has full plume.

Pattern: All are acceptable.

CONDITION AND BALANCE: Other than the short legs, the cat should appear proportionate and well-balanced. As is true of all breeds, the appearance of any Munchkin which is shown should reflect good health and condition.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Munchkin's 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.

ALLOWANCES: White lockets or buttons are permitted. Stud jowls in males.

PENALIZE: Cowhocking, excessive bowing, protruding sternum, foreign type, snub or excessively long nose.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Sway back.



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.