

BRITISH BREED GROUP (BS/BL)

The **British Shorthair** (BS) and **British Longhair** (BL) (New Trait Class ONLY) are powerful cats; semi-cobby, wide and firm in body. Their round face has a sweet, open expression.

HEAD	35 points
Shape	5
Ears	5
Eyes	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	3
Nose	5
Profile	5
Neck	5

BODY	30 points
Torso	5
Legs	5
Feet	5
Tail	5
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	30 points
Length	10
Texture	10
Pattern/Color	10

OTHER	5 points
Balance	1
Condition	1
Temperament	3

CATEGORIES: Traditional and Pointed.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

HEAD:

Shape: Round, broad, wide, with well-rounded contours when viewed from any angle. Full, round chubby cheeks create a chipmunk appearance adding to the mass and roundness. Medium to large in size, in proportion to the size of the firm body.

Ears: Medium to small, broad at the base and rounded. Set wide apart on the rounded top head, but not extreme or flared.

Eyes: Large, round shape, level in head, set wide to show breadth of nose. Intense, brilliant eye color preferred. Color conforms to coat color with the exception of silvers where copper is accepted as well as green.

Chin: Forms a perpendicular line with nose. Should be firm.

Muzzle: Well-defined, broad, and wide with rounded contours.

Nose: Short, broad, straight. Gives snub appearance to the third circle. Set with an obvious change of direction at the stop and in alignment with the chin.

Profile: When viewed from the side, no flat planes above the nose. Stop not a break. When viewed from the front, expression of roundness is created by a series of three circles-- (1) chubby, round cheeks, (2) broad, round head, and (3) broad, rounded muzzle.

Neck: Short, thick, heavily muscled, creating the appearance of no neck, blending with the chubby, full, round, cheeks. Should be especially pronounced on mature males.

BODY:

Torso: Wide, sturdy, muscular, firm, powerful, well rounded, with deep, broad, rounded chest and considerable depth of flank. The shoulders are broad and flat at the wither, and the hips are the same

width. Back is level. Semi-cobby, neither cobby nor rangy; slightly longer than cobby. Females proportionately smaller.

Legs: Medium to short in length, slightly less than body length.

Feet: Round, medium to large in size.

Tail: Thick at base, straight, tapering slightly to a rounded tip. Two-thirds the length of the body.

Boning: Substantial. Large to medium.

Musculature: Sturdy, firm, not soft.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length (BS): Short, firm, straight, dense standing away from the body, creating the appearance of plush pile. Not close-lying, or so long and/or thin that it lays down on the body.

Length (BL): Semi-long, straight, dense, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and britches desirable.

Texture (BS): Firm, crisp, plush and dense with natural protective appearance. Texture may differ slightly in colors other than blue.

Texture (BL): Fluff-plush texture, dense, with natural protective appearance. Texture may differ slightly in colors other than blue.

Pattern: To conform to TICA Color Descriptions, with the exception that brindling is an allowed pattern in all Divisions/Colors of Torties and Torbies.

Color: Traditional category (Pointed) are in Assessment Class ONLY, all divisions, all colors.

OTHER:

Balance: All parts of the body in proportion.

Condition: Should reflect excellent health, good muscle tone.

Temperament: Must be unchallenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The British is an imposing breed. Their large, round face should have a sweet open expression, with a smug rounded muzzle. Chubby cheeks and no-neck, blend into a stocky, semi-cobby, muscular, wide and firm body. Their coat is dense and rich, plush and thick in both shorthair and longhair varieties. Slightly reserved in temperament, they are a four feet on the floor breed, and like to be handled with gentle firmness and supported when carried.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat density, length and texture.

WITHHOLD: Lockets.

PENALIZE: Lack of muscle tone, cow hocks.

(BS): Long or soft coat, "Exotic Shorthair" coat, light undercoat, light delicate boning.

(BL): Longhair: short or silky coat, long flowing "Persian" coat, light undercoat, light delicate boning.



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.