

## TENNESSEE REX (TR/TRS)

### HEAD ..... 40 points

Shape .....	9
Eyes .....	6
Ears .....	5
Muzzle .....	4
Nose .....	3
Chin .....	4
Profile .....	7
Neck .....	2

### BODY ..... 34 points

Torso .....	9
Legs .....	5
Feet .....	3
Tail .....	4
Size/Boning .....	7
Musculature .....	6

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ..... 26 points

Texture/Curl .....	10
Satin .....	10
Pattern/Color .....	4
Length .....	2

**CATEGORY: All.**

**DIVISION: All.**

**COLOR: All.**

#### PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

Domestic Longhair/Shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

#### HEAD:

Shape: A modified wedge with gently rounded contours, with breadth across prominent cheekbones. The top of the head is flat to slightly round.

Eyes: Large plump almond, moderately wide set. The outside corner of the eye slants towards the bottom of the ear. Intense color is not related to coat color except in the albino series.

Ears: Medium-large, broad at base, cupped, slightly rounded tops. Set equally at sides and top of the head,

forward facing.

Muzzle: Medium length and width with visible whisker break and noticeable whisker pads. Whiskers must be wavy or curly and may be fragile.

Chin: The chin is round, soft, and not protruding.

Profile: Medium length, straight nose bridge, to a defined change of direction at eyes forming a gentle concave stop. The forehead is flat to gently round, and the top of the skull is long and flat to slightly domed. The profile shows a stop/break between two somewhat parallel planes of the nose bridge and top of the head. The line from the tip of the nose to the chin is slightly behind the perpendicular.

Neck: Medium length, rounded, and well muscled.

#### BODY:

Torso: Rectangular and athletic, medium-wide chest and hips.

Legs: Medium in length, forming a rectangle with the body. Medium boning. Males may be larger boned than females.

Feet: Feet should be rounded.

Tail: Wide at the base, full length.

Size/Boning: Size is variable with a preference for medium to large cats. Medium boning.

Musculature: Firm, athletic.

#### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: The Longhairs are medium-long with a plumed tail. Shorthairs are medium-short. They should not matt and are easy to groom. Length may be variable, especially if a cat is growing hair after a molt.

Texture: The fur is soft with moderate to wavy rexing. The coat will be curlier when the shortest and falling into waves or soft curls where longer. The back and torso may have straighter hair, sometimes falling into a natural part down the back. Curls on legs preferably down to the paws, more curly on

more curly on front of neck and shoulders, the stomach will be curly. The front of the back legs is curly, then becoming wavy at the britches. Tails should have curly or wavy rexing. Coat continues to develop with age and may be affected by hormones. Whiskers are always kinked, curly, wavy, or broken. Molting between ears and eyes in the temple region is expected.

Satin: Hair should shine (sparkle) and have a rich satin appearance. Shorter hair tends to shine more than longer hair, such as on the face and feet. The hair sparkles in a good light. Satin is very obvious in some colors (reds), whereas harder to see in other colors such as blacks.

Pattern/Color: all patterns and colors accepted. Rich, clear colors preferred.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tennessee Rex spontaneously appeared in 2004 in the state of Tennessee in the USA. The Tennessee Rex is a medium to large cat, curly-coated, and satin from birth. The satin and rexing are always expressed linked together and inherited as a single recessive gene. The guard hairs are softer than a typical cat fur due to the rexing and satin. Kittens are curly or woolly with crimping at birth, but the satin rex expression can be variable as they mature. Curls can be lost in kittens but should make a full recurrence in adults, although hormones and molting affect them at times. Kittens and cats may molt and regrow hair throughout their lives.

The Tennessee Rex is gentle and very affectionate. They are a social breed that strongly desires and seeks the companionship of its human family. These cats have fantastic temperaments. They should be outgoing and friendly. They are curious, playful, and snuggly, and like to be where the action is.

When first seeing a Tennessee Rex, one is amazed by its unique coat. It has a lustrous coat falling in curls and waves that shine like satin—the fur sparkles in the sunlight. Its “barn cat”, semi-feral ancestry crafted the Tennessee Rex breed; therefore, it should always maintain an athletic, natural breed appearance.

**ALLOWANCES:** Lockets. Molting in kittens and young adults. Lack of curl in kittens.

**PENALIZE:** Lack of satin in adults. Lack of curl in adults. Cobby body.



*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.*