## MINSKIN (MS)

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- **Ears**: Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips.  
- **Eyes/Color**: Large and round.  
- **Muzzle/Chin**: Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.  
- **Nose**: Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.  
- **Profile**: Visible stop.  
- **Neck**: Well-developed and flexible.  

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- **Muzzle**: Short and broad.  
- **Prominent whisker pads**:  
- **Nose**: Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.  
- **Profile**: Visible stop.  
- **Neck**: Well-developed and flexible.  
- **Not bulky.**

### BODY
- **Torso**: Semi-cobby, may appear longer due to short legs.  
- **Legs**: Hard, lean and muscular.  
- **Feet**: Rounded, compact and strong.  
- **Tail**: Slightly longer than the body, tapering gently from the base to a slightly blunted tip.  
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### DIVISION: All.

### COLORS: All.

### PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
Domestic shorthairs, not a member of a recognized breed.

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- **Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.**  
- **Eyes**: Large and round.  
- **Expression is open and alert.**  
- **Chin**: Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.

### BODY
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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION
The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet and alert expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature. The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short stature of the Minskin accentuates their otter-like appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature do not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet-tempered and respond well to being handled.

### TEMPERAMENT
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.

### PENALIZE
- Lockets. Narrow chest; cow-hocked; foreign type; undershot chin; small or close-set eyes.

### DISQUALIFY
- Sway back.
- Lack of fur-points.

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