

Tennessee Rex (TR) (2019 edition)

The Tennessee (Satin) Rex is a natural mutation that occurred in the feral cat population. The breed has two characteristics that define a Tennessee (Satin) Rex; they have a recessive wavy-curly hair coat that gives the cat a rexed appearance, and a mix of shining hairs (called satin) that gives the cat a sparkling appearance. These two traits make the Tennessee (Satin) Rex unique from any other breed of cat. The Tennessee (Satin) Rex occurs in both long hair and short hair.

Head: 35

Shape:	8
Ears:	5
Eyes:	5
Muzzle:	5
Chin/nose :	5
Profile:	5
Neck:	2

Body: 35

Torso:	8
Legs/feet :	8
Tail:	6
Size/Boning:	7
Musculature:	6

Coat: 25

Length:	3
Texture:	10
Pattern:	2
Color/satin:	10

Other: 5

Temperament:	5
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Categories: ALL

Divisions: ALL

Colors: ALL

Permissible out-crosses: Domestic Long hair and shor thair , not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:

Shape: A modified wedge with gently rounded contours with breadth across prominent cheekbones.

Ears: Medium to large, broad at base, cupped, slightly rounded tops, set equally at the sides and top of head, forward facing and alert.

Eyes: Large , almost almond , moderately wide set, outside corner of eyes slanted towards bottom of ears. Intense color not related to coat color, with exception of albino series.

Muzzle: Medium length and width with strong whisker break and obvious whisker pads. Whiskers may be curly, wavy, long or short.

Chin: Rounded, soft and shallow

Profile/nose: Two medium length parallel planes with a gentle slope at or below eyes, flat to gently rounded forehead.

Neck: Short and thick

BODY:

Torso: Rectangular and substantial, medium wide chest and hips, pronounced sternum.

Legs & feet: Medium in length, forming a rectangle with body. Medium boned. Males may be larger-boned than females, rounded paws.

Tail: Wide at base, full length.

Size/boning: Size is variable, but medium to large cats, males larger and more masculine, females smaller and feminine.

Musculature: Firm and athletic.

COAT:

Length: Long hair is medium long with plumed tail. Short hair is medium-short hair. Should not matt and are easy to groom.

Texture: Hair is fine and soft. In both coat lengths, the coat is a triple coat. The coat will be curlier where shortest and falling into waves or soft curls where longer. The back and torso may

have straighter hair. Front portion of legs are curly including throat and shoulders. Front portion of back legs curly then becoming wavy at the britches. Stomach fur curly. Tails rexed or wavy. Hair is fine and soft. Kittens may be more wooly. Coat continues to develop with age, so kittens and young adults should be judged more on head and body type. Kittens are curly at birth, they may moult or change coat to become wooly or straight coated, and develop curls again later. Whiskers are always kinked, curly, or wavy even if coat isn't. Moulting between the ears and eyes (temple) is common.

Pattern: all patterns accepted

Color/satin: All colors accepted. 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. Hair sparkles in GOOD light. Satin is very obvious in some colors (reds), whereas harder to see in other colors such as black.

OTHER:

Temperament: These cats have shown amazing temperaments even after out-crossing to domestics. It is important to keep good temperaments. They should be outgoing and friendly, they should not show aggression even if frightened. They are playful and snuggly, and like to be near their human .

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

When first seeing a Tennessee (Satin) Rex, one is amazed by its unique coat. There is no other cat like it in the cat fancy. It has a lustrous coat falling in curls and waves that shine like satin. The coat literally sparkles in sunlight. They have a different look and feel than other rex breeds. The breed is a naturally occurring mutation. It is crafted by its "barn cat" and semi-feral ancestry . It should always maintain its athletic natural breed appearance fully capable of hunting and a wilder life, yet born to shine in any show ring.

The Tennessee (Satin) Rex spontaneously appeared in 2004 in the USA State of Tennessee. Tennessee (Satin) Rex is a medium to large sized cat, which is curly coated and satin from birth. The satin and rexing are always expressed linked together and inherited as a simple recessive gene. The guard hairs are softer than a typical cat due to the rexing and satin. As with most rex breeds, the curls can be lost in kittens and take up to 24 months to make full recurrence. Kittens/Cats may moult and regrow hair. The curly hair is most prominent on the throat, chest, legs, britches, and tail. The whiskers are wavy or curly and fragile.

The Tennessee (Satin) Rex is gentle and very affectionate. This is a social breed that strongly desires and seeks the companionship of its human family. The feral roots of the Tennessee Satin Rex are never displayed in its temperament.

LOCKETS: Allowed

Allowances: "Moulting" in kittens and young adults