

## TENNESSEE REX (TR/TRS)

The Tennessee Rex breed is based on a satin rex recessive pleiotropic mutation and comes in longhair (TR) and shorthair (TRS). Satin rex is a unique coat mutation expressing satin and rexing simultaneously. Satin is a coat modifier where hair appears to have a smooth, shiny surface or sheen like silk or satin. Sunlight or strong artificial light reflecting on a satin coat has a sparkly, pearlized, or iridescent luster.

### HEAD ..... 36 points

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

### BODY ..... 27 points

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

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN .. 37 points

Texture/Curl.....	11
Satin .....	12
Pattern.....	3
Color .....	8
Length .....	3

**CATEGORY: AII.**

**DIVISION: AII.**

**COLOR: AII.**

### 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 and slanted plump almond eyes with intense color preferred.

Ears: Medium-large, flared at the

base, cupped, and forward-facing with slightly rounded tips. Ears set equally at sides and top of head.

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

Nose: Medium.

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

Profile: Nose is medium length straight, bridge of the nose is straight, a definite stop is seen between the bridge of nose and brow, the brow is long, flat to a slightly rounded skull. The brow and skull plane appear somewhat parallel to a line formed by the nose and bridge of the nose.

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 cats.

Musculature: 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/Curl: The fur has mild to wavy rexing. The coat will be curlier

where the shortest and falling into waves or soft curls when 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, most 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. The coat continues to develop with age and may be affected by hormones. Molting between ears and eyes in the temple region is common.

Satin: Hair should shine (sparkle) and have a rich satin appearance.

Pattern/Color: all patterns and colors accepted. Rich, clear intense colors are preferred. The Tennessee Rex should have brilliant glowing colors. Satinization intensifies colors, so strong colors should be rewarded.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tennessee Rex spontaneously appeared in 2004 in the state of Tennessee in the USA. The Tennessee Rex is a medium sized cat, curly-coated, and satin. The satin and rexing are always expressed simultaneously and inherited as a single recessive gene.

When first seeing a Tennessee Rex, one is amazed by its unique coat. It has a lustrous coat with dense, rich color falling in curls and waves that shine like satin — the fur sparkles in the sunlight.

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 and they should be outgoing and friendly. They are curious, playful, and snuggly, and like to be where the action is.

**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.