

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.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

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 SACF

Color Descriptions, with the

exception that brindling is an allowed pattern in all Divisions/Colors of Torties and Torbies.

Color: Traditional and pointed categories, 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.

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.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Lockets.

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* All breeds must to present a unchallenging temperament; the cat may show fear, seek to flee, or may complain aloud, but may not threaten to hurt. Any sign of definite threat shall disqualify. Disqualifications: a cat that bites, a cat that shows evidence to deceive, adult whole males with not two descended testicles, cats with parts or whole tail missing or with tails faults (except the approved breeds), polydactyl cats (except the approved breeds), crossed eyes, total blindness, smaller size for the breed, depression of the sternum or usually small diameter of the rib cage itself.