

## MUNCHKIN BREED GROUP (MK/ML)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	35 points
Shape .....	4
Ears .....	5
Eyes .....	5
Chin .....	4
Muzzle .....	4
Nose .....	4
Profile .....	4
Neck .....	5

<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	10
Legs .....	10
Feet .....	5
Tail .....	5
Boning .....	5
Musculature .....	5

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b>	15 points
Length .....	5
Texture .....	5
Pattern/Color .....	5

<b>OTHER</b> .....	10 points
Condition and Balance .....	10

**CATEGORY:** All.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

### PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

### HEAD:

Shape: Medium-sized, broad, modified wedge with rounded contours. Forehead is flat; rounded tophead and high cheekbones. Heads on males may appear broader.

Ears: Medium to medium large (in proportion with head). Broader at base, ending in slightly rounded tips. Placed as much on top of the head as on the sides; not flaring; alert.

Furnishings: Long hair acceptable.

Eyes: Medium large. Walnutshaped. Placed rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression, and at a slight angle toward the base of the ears. No relationship between coat and eye color. Deeper, more vivid colors preferred.

Chin: Firm, but not unusually prominent.

Muzzle: Medium in length.

Nose: Medium in length; slight bump is acceptable.

Profile: Slight stop.

Neck: Medium in length, thick.

Firmly muscled. Not extremely long nor overly short and thick.

### BODY:

Torso: Thick semi-foreign body. Medium-sized, medium-long. Slight rise from the shoulders to tail as the back legs are slightly longer than front legs. Well-rounded chest and firm hips. Females may be smaller than males.

Legs: Short. Upper and lower forelegs equal in length. Hind Legs: Thigh and lower leg approximately equal in length. Slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Round, compact. Medium (females), medium large (males).

Tail: Medium thickness, tapering to a rounded tip. Length in proportion to body. Carried erect when in motion.

Boning: Medium.

Musculature: Medium to substantial.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length (MK): Medium. Solids may have a less dense coat.

Length (ML): Semi-Long.

Texture (MK): Plush, all-weather, resilient, with medium undercoat and lustrous appearance.

Texture (ML): Silky, all-weather, with moderate density and medium undercoat. Slight to moderate ruff permissible. Britches are shaggy, tail has full plume.

Pattern: All are acceptable.

**CONDITION AND BALANCE:** Other than the short legs, the cat should appear proportionate and wellbalanced.

As is true of all breeds, the appearance of any Munchkin which is shown should reflect good health and condition.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Munchkin's distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation which has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats.

Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled. They are accepted in both long and short coat lengths.

The Munchkin and the Munchkin Longhair are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat, the shorthair having a medium length plush, resilient allweather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all-weather coat.

**ALLOWANCES:** White lockets or buttons are permitted. Stud jowls in males.

**PENALIZE:** Cowhocking, excessive bowing, protruding sternum, foreign type, snub or excessively long nose.

**DISQUALIFY(DQ):** Sway back.

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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.