

## SELKIRK REX BREED GROUP (SR/SL)

The **Selkirk Rex (SR)** is the shorthair version of the group. The **Selkirk Rex Longhair (SL)** is the longhair version.

**HEAD** . . . . . 40 points  
Shape . . . . . 10  
Ears . . . . . 5  
Eyes . . . . . 5  
Chin . . . . . 2  
Muzzle . . . . . 10  
Profile . . . . . 5  
Neck . . . . . 3

**BODY** . . . . . 30 points  
Torso . . . . . 10  
Legs . . . . . 4  
Feet . . . . . 2  
Tail . . . . . 4  
Boning . . . . . 5  
Musculature . . . . . 5

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN** 20 points  
Length . . . . . 5  
Texture . . . . . 10  
Color . . . . . 3  
Pattern . . . . . 2

**OTHER** . . . . . 10 points  
Balance . . . . . 2  
Condition . . . . . 3  
Temperament . . . . . 5

**CATEGORIES:** All.  
**DIVISIONS:** All.  
**COLORS:** All.  
**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:**  
British Shorthair, American Shorthair, Persian, Exotic Shorthair.

**HEAD:**  
Shape: Round, full-cheeked. Forehead round and broad.  
Ears: Medium-sized, rounded with pointed tip, set well apart.  
Eyes: Large and round, set well apart.  
Chin: Firm.  
Muzzle: Short, square, visible beyond the cheeks. curly whiskers.  
Profile: Rounded forehead, nose stop and firm chin.  
Neck: Short and thick. Curly fur prominent on neck.

**BODY:**  
Torso: Chest full, muscular, semi-cobby. Rectangular with a slight rise toward the hindquarters.  
Legs: Medium length, substantail boning.  
Feet: Large and round.

Tail: Medium length, thick, tapering to rounded tip.  
Boning: Substantial.  
Musculature: Substantial.

**COAT:**  
Length: In both coat lengths, the curls are most prominent on the neck and tail. The curliness of the coat on the saddle area of the back is variable due to climate, seasons and hormones, especially in females.  
(SR): Medium.  
(SL): Semi-long.  
Texture: Soft and plush.  
(SR): Double coat, with thick undercoat and deep waves with curled ends.  
(SL) Loose individual curls.  
Pattern: All patterns acceptable.  
Color: Clear, intense colors preferred. Eye color independent of coat color.

**OTHER:**  
Balance: Good proportions.  
Condition: Good muscle tone.  
Excellent health.  
Temperament: Sweet and loving.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Selkirk Rex is produced by a dominant gene affecting the guard, down and awn hairs. The curl is most prominent around the neck and tail in both coat lengths. Guard hairs tend to have a coarse texture, but the coat is very dense and overall soft and plush. The whiskers are curly as are the eyebrows. The Selkirk Rex is a medium to large cat with good balance between legs and body.  
Heavy boning gives the cat surprising weight. Females are less massive than males, but both sexes have definite jowls. Coat continues to develop until about 2 years of age, so kittens should be judged mainly on head and body type. Kittens are curly at birth and may lose their coat and begin to develop an adult curly coat at 8-10 months of age.

**ALLOWANCES:** White lockets are acceptable. Kittens may lack fully curly coat.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):**  
Nose break.

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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.