

## AMERICAN CURL BREED GROUP (AC/ACL)



The American Curl (AC) is a slender, elegant, well-balanced shorthair cat, semi-foreign in type. The American Curl Longhair (ACL) is a slender, elegant, well-balanced longhair cat, semi-foreign in type.

### **HEAD**.....40 points

Shape.....6  
Ears.....20  
Eyes.....5  
Chin.....2  
Muzzle.....2  
Profile.....5

### **BODY**.....30 points

Torso.....10  
Legs/Feet.....5  
Tail.....5  
Boning/  
Musculature.....10

### **COAT/COLOR/**

**PATTERN**.....20  
points  
Length.....5  
Texture.....10  
Pattern/Color.....5  
**OTHER**.....10 points  
Balance.....10

### **CATEGORIES:** All

**DIVISIONS:** All

**COLORS:** All

**PERMISSIBLE**

**OUTCROSSES:**

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

### **HEAD:**

**Shape:** Modified wedge without flat planes; approximately 1-1/2 times longer than wide.

**Ears:** Minimum 90-degree arc of curl not to exceed 180 degrees. Firm cartilage from ear base to at least one-third of height of ear. Wide at base and open; curving back in a smooth curve, following an open circular line. Cartilage should be smooth to the touch, hardly thicker than a normal non-curved ear. Tips rounded and flexible. Moderately large in proportion to head. Erect, set equally on top and side of head. Furnishings are desirable. When American Curls are alert, lines following through the curve of the ears should point to the center of the base of the skull.

**Eyes:** Moderately large walnut shaped. A slight angle between the base of the ear and the tip of the nose, one eye apart. Color clear and brilliant with no relation to coat color, except that blue eyes are required on all pointed cats.

**Chin:** Firm, in line with nose and upper lip.

**Muzzle:** Neither pointed nor square.

**Profile:** Straight. Slight rise from bottom of eyes to brow line. Slight curve from brow to top of head, flowing into neck without a break.

### **BODY:**

**Torso:** Rectangular, length to be approximately 1-1/2 times the height at the shoulders.

**Legs:** Length medium in proportion to body; set straight when viewed from front or rear.

**Feet:** Medium and rounded.

**Tail:** Flexible, wide at base and tapering; equal to body length.

**Boning/Musculature:** Medium, neither fine-boned nor heavy-boned. Moderate strength and tone.

### **COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

**Length (AC):** Short with tail coat same length as body coat.

**Length (ACL):** Semi-long with tail coat full and plumed.

**Texture (AC):** Soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel. Minimal undercoat.

**Texture (ACL):** Fine, silky, laying flat. Minimal undercoat.

**Pattern:** Well-defined, clear pattern. Sound color.

### **OTHER:**

**Balance:** Proportionate in all physical aspects with a graceful, slender appearance. The combination of the long body, legs and tail, with neck, head and ears, should look like they fit together and give an impression of gentle motion.

**ALLOWANCES:** Stud jowls in adult males. Buttons and lockets.

### **PENALIZE:**

Excessive size in body.

Heavy undercoat/heavy ruff. Coarse, cottony or fluffy coat texture. Dense or plush coat.

Horizontal Crimp

Vertical Crimp, when outer edge of ear, near jaw, appears to have been folded forward, as if to 'close' ear canal opening.

Depressions or ripples on the surface of the curled portion of the ears. Low set ears. Abrupt change of direction rather than a smooth curve.

Deep nose break.

### **DISQUALIFY (DQ):**

Tail faults of any kind. Straight or severely mismatched ears. Lack of firm cartilage in base of ear. Extreme curl in an adult cat where the tip of the ear touches the back of the head or the ear itself. Ear tips that are not flexible. Ears in which the lower portion of the ear is abnormally flattened, has compressed ridges of cartilage and does not have a normal, visible ear cavity.