

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR BREED GROUP (AS/AL/AW)



HEAD40 points
 Shape 5
 Ears5
 Eyes6
 Chin5
 Muzzle5
 Nose5
 Profile5
 Neck4

BODY 35 points
 Torso 8
 Legs 4
 Feet4
 Tail4
 Boning5
 Musculature10

**COAT/COLOR/
 PATTERN** 15 points
 Length 4
 Texture 5
 Color and Pattern . . 6

OTHER 10 points
 Balance 5
 Condition 5

CATEGORY:
 Traditional.
DIVISIONS: All.
COLORS: All.

**PERMISSIBLE
 OUTCROSSES:**
 None.

HEAD:

Shape: Broad and medium size, rounded, rounded skull, cheeks well developed in studs.

Ears: Medium size, not too large at base, wide-set, rounded at tips.

Eyes: Large to medium Rounded with wide set, at a slight angle with rounded aperture, eye color to conform with coat color, clarity of eye color preferred.

Chin: Strong full chin completes squarish effect of the muzzle.

Muzzle: Medium-short muzzle with squarish appearance.

Nose: Medium-short.

Profile: With a modified stop.

Neck: In proportion to body, medium-short, neither too short and thick no too long and thin.

BODY:

Torso: Medium long, rectangular in shape rather than slender but well rounded and in proportion, broad chest, especially in males, allowance is to be made for females being proportionally smaller than males.

Legs: Medium in proportion to body.

Feet: Medium, rounded.

Tail: Medium length, thicker at base, tapering from well-rounded rump to a rounded tip. Taper is slight, neither blunt nor pointed, carried almost level with back, in proportion to body.

Boning: Medium.

Musculature: Well-knit, firm muscle tone, hard, not soft or flabby.

COAT:

Length:

AS: Short, even coat.

AL: Semi-long. Toe tufts and ear furnishing should be clearly visible.

Texture (AS): Hard, natural protective appearance, lustrous but close-lying.

Texture (AL): Lustrous but close-lying.

Texture (AW): Very dense, resilient, coarse, with crimped hair. The overall springy appearance is of more importance than the crimping of each hair. The points are weighted in this section for the appropriate coat.

Pattern and Color: In the colors with pattern, color and pattern are weighted equally. The clarity of

markings in patterns is desirable per color descriptions.

OTHER:

Balance: While the breed is considered medium to large in size, balance and proportion are to be considered of greater consequence. No part of the cat should look out of balance with any other part.

Allowance is to be made for smaller size in females.

Condition: Weight, coat condition, general appearance of the cat represents good condition.

PENALIZE: Long, pointed ears or ears set too close together. Neck that is too short and thick or too long and slender (snaky). The tail should not be thin, whip-like, too short and thick or carried over the back in a squirrel fashion. The body should not be foreshortened and stocky nor

long and sleek foreign). The coat should not be fine, thin or long, and should not have a fluffy texture. The hindquarters should not be weak. No part of the cat should look out of balance with any other part.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): White buttons or lockets in the Solid Division; incorrect coat in the American Wirehair.