

## HIGHLANDER BREED GROUP (HG/HGS)



**HEAD** . . . . .40 points  
Shape . . . . .6  
Ears . . . . .10  
Eyes . . . . .5  
Chin . . . . .6  
Muzzle . . . . .6  
Nose . . . . .4  
Profile . . . . .3

**BODY** . . . . .40 points  
Torso . . . . .10  
Tail. . . . .10  
Boning . . . . .8  
Musculature. . . . .7  
Legs/Feet . . . . .5

**COAT/COLOR/  
PATTERN**.....20 points  
Length . . . . .6  
Texture . . . . .6  
Pattern . . . . .4  
Color . . . . .4

**CATEGORY:** All.  
**DIVISION:** Solid, Tortie,  
Tabby, Silver/Smoke  
**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE  
OUTCROSSES:**  
Domestic longhair/  
shorthair, not a member  
of a recognized breed.

### **HEAD:**

**Shape:** Wide, inverted pear-shaped head a full muzzle.

**Eyes:** Medium to large in size. Walnut in shape, slightly hooded and set on a slight bias. Eye color is independent of coat color.

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**Ears:** Small to medium in size, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side and as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base with flexible ear tips curled back. Loose, relaxed curl with the ear tips more rounded than pointed. No preference given to the direction in which the ears point. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but should loosen by adulthood. In adult males, ears may set lower due to jowling.

**Muzzle:** Full with prominent whisker pads. Appears square.

**Chin:** Must align with the top of the jaw. Strong.

**Profile:** Rounded back skull, straight and slightly flat forehead, with a slight change of direction at the eye ridge, may also have a slight curve to the nose bridge. Nose, muzzle and chin form a straight line in profile.

**Nose:** Wide with substantial nose leather.

### **BODY:**

**Torso:** Medium size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back with hips higher than shoulders. Overall athletic appearance. Females may be substantially smaller than the males and shall not be penalized. This is a slow maturing breed and may not fill out until two or more years of age.

**Legs:** Medium in length, back legs longer than front.

**Feet:** Medium to large, rounded with large knuckles. Longhair (HG) must have toe tufts.

**Tail:** Shortened and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of two inches in adults with proportional length in kittens. Should not extend past the hock with the leg extended. There may be extra flesh, hooks or kinks in the tail. Kinks and curls are desirable.

**Boning:** Moderately heavy and substantial.

**Musculature:** Well-muscled.

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

**Length:** (HGS) Short in length, laying loosely against the body. Dense.

**Length:** (HG) Longhair up to 2½ inches falling smoothly to the sides, with shaggy belly hair that is longer than the rest of the coat.

**Texture:** There will be texture variations depending upon the color and coat length of the cat.

### **Pattern:**

Tabby: All tabby patterns are allowed.

Pointed: Expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

### **OTHER:**

**Balance:** All parts of the body in proportion.

**Condition:** Should reflect excellent health, good muscle tone.

**Temperament:** Must be unchal-lenging.

**ALLOWANCES:** Tarnishing in silvers.

**PENALIZE:** Ears that are not open or wide based, ears too small or low set. Tail too long. Excessive dip in the nose.

### **WITHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):**

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**DISQUALIFY:** Ears not erect. Tail too short or docked. Full length tail.