

MINSKIN (MS)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	8
Ears	5
Eyes/Color	10
Muzzle/Chin	10
Nose	2
Profile	3
Neck	2

BODY	35 points
Torso	8
Legs	5
Feet	2
Tail	4
Boning	8
Musculature	8

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	25 points
Length	10
Texture	10
Color/Pattern	5

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
Domestic shorthairs, not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:

Shape: Rounded, wider than long, with no flat planes.

Ears: Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups or jugs. Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.

Eyes: Large and round. Set wide, more than an eye's width apart. Expression is open and alert.

Chin: Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.

Muzzle: Short and broad. Prominent whisker pads.

Nose: Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.

Profile: Visible stop.

Neck: Well-developed and flexible. Not bulky.

BODY:

Torso: Semi-cobby, may appear longer due to short legs. The back is straight but allowance may be made for a slight rise from shoulders to tail as the back legs are, or may appear to be, slightly longer than the front legs. The chest is broad, strong and well-muscled.

Legs: Short. The front upper and lower forelegs should be equal in length. The back thigh and lower legs approximately equal in length and may be slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Rounded, compact and strong. All four feet point directly straight forward and not inward or outward.

Tail: Slightly longer than the body, tapering gently from the base to a slightly blunted tip.

Boning: Sturdy, not fine boned, may appear and feel heavier with muscling.

Musculature: Hard, lean and muscular.

COAT:

Length: Short. Fur-points (short, closely packed soft fur, covering the entire mask, ears, legs, tail and scrotum). Fur-points are defined by the density of the fur on the outer extremities in comparison to the rest of the body which is visibly more sparsely coated. The fur extending from the legs may rise up onto the shoulders, the hips and the buttocks.

The temples (forehead in front of ears) are noticeably sparse with bareness extending from the top of the eyes to the frontal base of the ear. Furnishings, if any, are sparse. Ear muffs may or may not be present. Whiskers may be present, sparse, broken or absent. The neck, chest and abdomen may appear hairless but are covered in a very thin, fine down. Both adults and kittens may have some wrinkling to the skin but this is more apparent in kittens.

Texture: Rippled and soft like a fine cashmere garment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet and alert expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature.

The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short stature of the Minskin accentuates their otter-like appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature do not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet-tempered and respond well to being handled.

ALLOWANCES: Mild bowing in the front legs is allowed. Consideration should be given to seasonal and hormonal variations in the coat.

PENALIZE: Lockets. Narrow chest; cow-hocked; foreign type; undershot chin; small or close-set eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
Lack of fur-points.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Sway back.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.