

CYMRIC [CYM] (Standard Source: GCCF UK 2014)

General

The overall impression of the Cymric is of a medium-sized, muscular cat, with rounded rump, taillessness and a semi-long coat. This is a longhair Manx.

Head: Fairly round and large with prominent cheeks. Strong muzzle. Without any hint of snipyness and definite whisker break. Nose broad and of medium length without any break, but with a gentle dip from the forehead to the nose. Firm chin and even bite.

Ears: Ears fairly tall, set rather high on the head and angled slightly outwards. These should be medium in size and open at the base tapering to a narrow, rounded tip. From a flat, broad plane of head, the ears are angled gently outwards, with a gentle flare from the base of the outer ear to the tip. Ears well-furnished with moderate ear tufts.

Eyes: Large and round and set obliquely, at a slight angle towards the nose, outer corners slightly higher than inner corners.

Body: Solid, compact with good breadth of chest. Short, but not overly shortened back ending in a definite round rump. Length of back is in proportion to the entire cat, height of hindquarters equal to length of body. The rump should be higher than the shoulders. Flanks of great depth.

Legs and Feet: Legs of good substance with front legs short and well set to show good breadth of chest. Back legs longer than the front with powerful, deep thighs. Feet round.

Tail The overall impression should be of balance for roundness of rump to back and hind leg length, giving the impression of proportion to body length, with no anterior contraction of the hock.

Rumpy [51]: exhibits should appear tailless. The rump should be felt to be completely rounded, with no substantial extension of tail bone or cartilage, although minor rises will be permitted if these do not interfere with the roundness of the rump.

Rumpy Riser: [52] A rise of bone at the end of the spine is allowed and should not be penalised unless it stops the judge's hand, thereby spoiling the tailless appearance of the cat.

Stumpy [53]: A rise of bone which is allowed a maximum length of 3cm. The rump should be extremely broad and round.

Coat: Semi-long, dense and springy. Double coat with shorter, soft undercoat (awn). Long around the ruff which continues down the chest to form a shirtfront, and on the hindquarters to form breeches. The quality of the coat is of far more importance than colour or makings, which should be taken into consideration only if all other points are equal.

For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.

Remarks: Probing of the "tail" end must not be done as this can result in pain for the exhibit. Gentle cupping of the rump is enough to indicate if there is any protrusion from this area which stops the Judge's hand when the palm is stroked down the back and over the rump. Intrusive handling to determine the absence of vertebrae is not acceptable.

Males are generally larger than females.

Faults: "In-between" coat length, that is, a coat which is slightly longer than a Manx, but could be mistaken for a shorthair until touched; overall even-length coat; thin coat; a cottony-textured coat. Eyes not obliquely set. Weak chin. Lack of defined whisker break.

Withhold

Challenge: Rumpy & Rumpy Riser: A definite and prominent rise of bone or cartilage at the end of the spine interfering with the roundness of the rump such that it stops the hand.

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