

## BRITISH BREED GROUP (BS/BL)

The **British Shorthair** (BS) and **British Longhair** (BL) are powerful cats; semi-cobby, wide and firm in body. Their round face has a sweet, open expression.

<b>HEAD</b> .....	35 points	head, set wide apart to show width of nose. Intense, eye color preferred. Color conforms to coat color with exception of silver division where copper is accepted as well as green. Eye shape is more important than color.
Shape .....	8	
Eyes .....	8	
Ears .....	6	
Profile+Nose .....	6	
Muzzle+Chin .....	5	
Neck .....	2	

<b>BODY</b> .....	35 points	
Torso .....	8	
Boning .....	8	
Musculature .....	7	
Legs+Feet .....	6	
Tail .....	6	

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b>	30 points
Length .....	12
Texture .....	12
Pattern/Color .....	6

**CATEGORIES:** Traditional and Pointed.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** None.

### HEAD:

**Shape:** Round, a series of 3 circles defines the head 1<sup>st</sup> broad round muzzle, 2<sup>nd</sup> broad round head and 3<sup>rd</sup> full round chubby cheeks. Broad, wide cheek bones with smooth transition to muzzle, great width at eye level. Rounded front and top head, well rounded from any angle. Large in males, medium in females.

**Ears:** Small to medium, broad at the base and rounded. Set wide apart on the rounded top head, but not extreme or flared.

**Eyes:** Large, round, level in

head, set wide apart to show width of nose. Intense, eye color preferred. Color conforms to coat color with exception of silver division where copper is accepted as well as green. Eye shape is more important than color.

**Muzzle+Chin:** Heavy muzzle with great width and smooth transition towards the cheekbones. Firm chin in line with nose, completing the circle of the face.

**Profile+Nose:** Short straight snub nose, stop, well pronounced change of direction towards the rounded front head. No flat planes above the nose.

**Neck:** Short, thick, heavily muscled, creating the appearance of no neck, blending with the cheeks. Especially pronounced on mature males.

### BODY:

**Torso:** Semi-cobby. Wide, sturdy, muscular, firm, powerful, well rounded, chest and considerable depth of flank. The shoulders are broad and flat at the wither; the hips are the same width. Back is level. Females proportionately smaller.

**Legs+Feet:** Legs medium to short length from floor to belly should be slightly less than from belly to back. Round feet, medium to large in size.

**Tail:** Thick at base, straight, tapering slightly to a rounded tip. Two-thirds the length of the body.

**Boning:** Substantial. Large to medium.

**Musculature:** Sturdy, firm, not soft.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Straight, dense, standing away from the body, with natural protective appearance, even in length.

#### Length

(BS): Short.

(BL): Semi-long, with ruff and britches desirable.

**Texture:** So dense that it is difficult to see the skin when parting the hair.

(BS): Firm, crisp, plush

(BL): Fluff-plush

**Pattern:** In torties brindling is allowed.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The British is an imposing breed. Their large, round face should have a sweet open expression, with a smug rounded muzzle. Chubby cheeks and no-neck, blend into a stocky, semi-cobby, muscular, wide and firm body. Their coat is dense and rich, plush and thick in both shorthair and longhair varieties. Slightly reserved in temperament, they are a four feet on the floor breed, and like to be handled with gentle firmness and supported when carried.

**ALLOWANCES:** Seasonal changes in coat density, length and texture. Slightly softer texture in colors other than blue.

### PENALIZE:

**Eyes:** Almond shape, slanted set

**Musculature:** Lack of muscle tone

**Legs:** cow hocks.

**Coat:** Lack of/poor undercoat, coat not standing away from body

(BS): Long or soft coat,

(BL) short or silky coat, long

flowing coat like in Persians

**Boning:** light delicate

### WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Lockets.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Crossed eyes.



*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.*