Cornish Rex

Cornwall England

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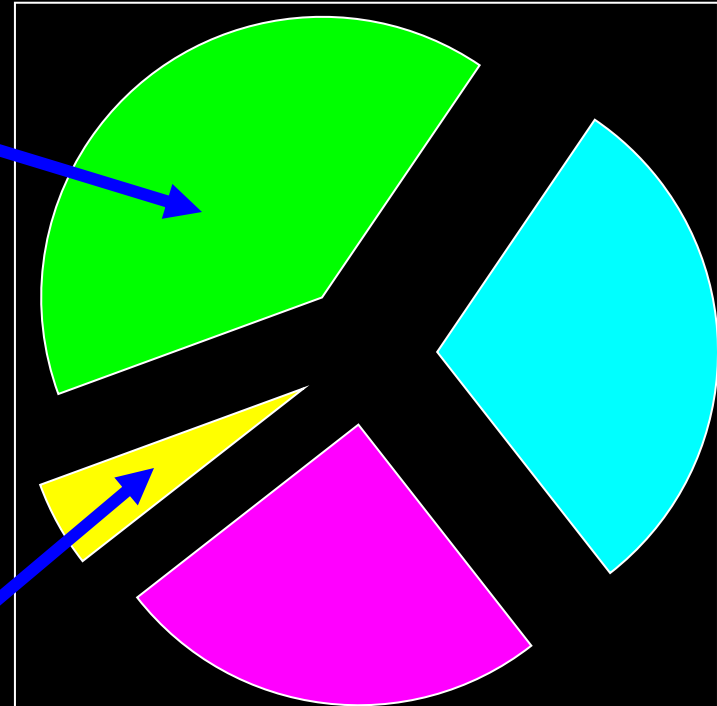
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Point Count

Coat   40 pts

Body   30 pts

Head   25 pts

Color   5 pts

Most important feature – coat, least important – color.

Cornish Rex (Defined)

- The Cornish Rex is distinguished from all other breeds by its extremely soft, wavy coat and racy type. When you think of the Cornish…..think of curves. Everything about the breed is a series of curves.   From the egg shaped head, arched back to tuck-up.

Cornish Rex (Defined)

- "C" in Cornish= Coat, Curves and Curls
- "R" in Rex= Refinement, Racy, Roman

Cornish Rex

Head- 25 POINTS

- Size and Shape   5 points
- Muzzle and Nose   5 points
- Eyes   5 points
- Ears   5 points
- Profile   5 points

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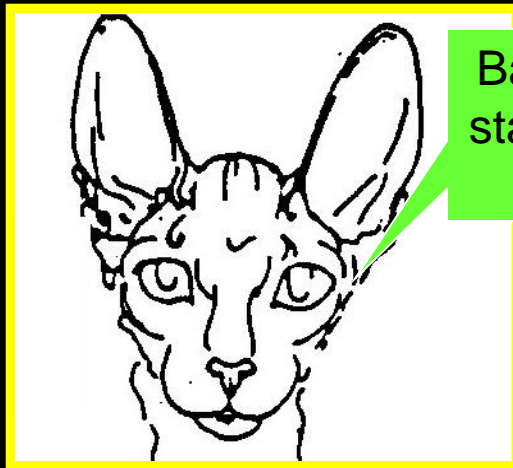
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Head- Size and Shape- 5 POINTS

- Comparatively small
- Egg shaped
- Length 1/3 greater than width
- Definite whisker break
- Oval with gently curving outline in front and in profile

Excessive length and/or a predominance of flat planes above the eyes are incorrect in the breed and should be judged accordingly.
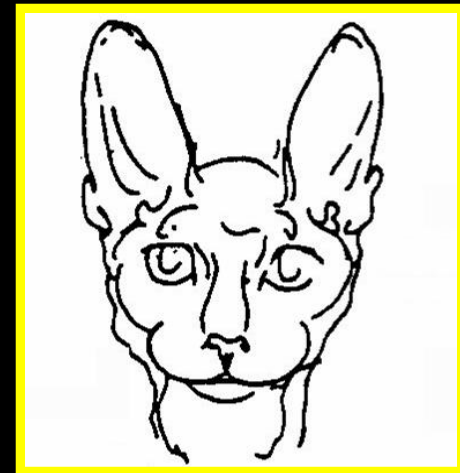
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Head- Size and Shape- 5 POINTS

Base of ear starts at eye level

- Nice Head- Egg shaped
- Proper ear size and placement
- Strong muzzle break
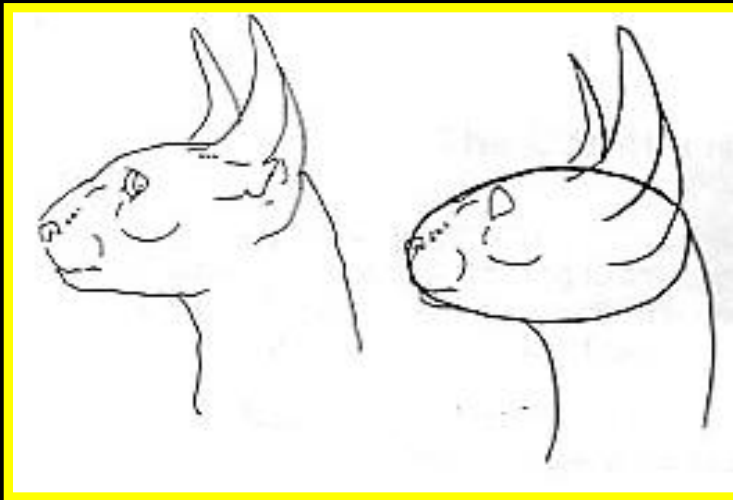- Cheek bones high and prominent
- Chin strong, well developed

- Head wrong shape
- Head too round and too wide
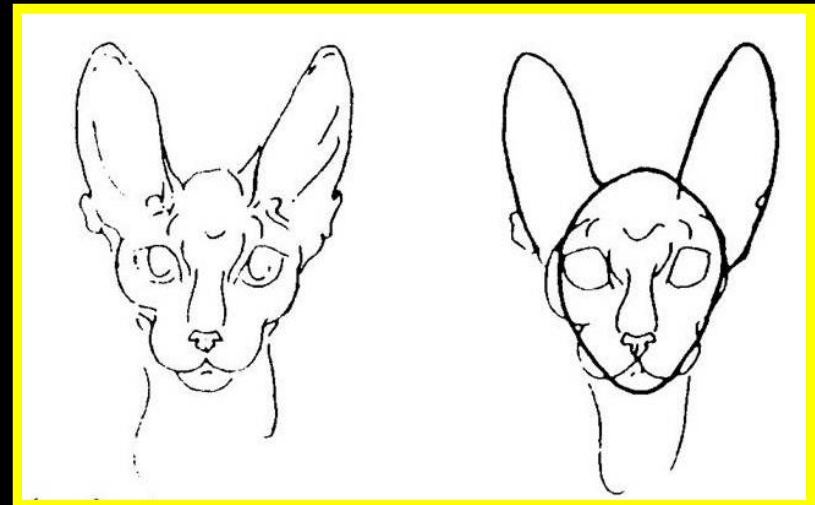- Head will be wider in width than length

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- Side view showing egg shape
- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman profile
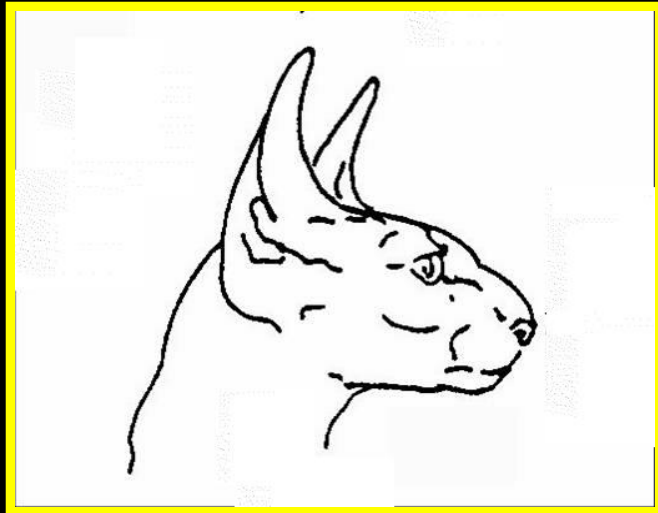- Nose 1/3 length of head
- Again think series of curves

- Front view showing egg shape
- Strong muzzle narrowing slightly to a rounded end
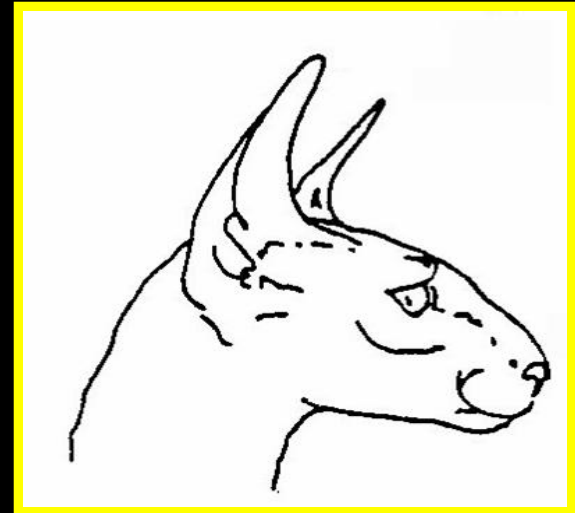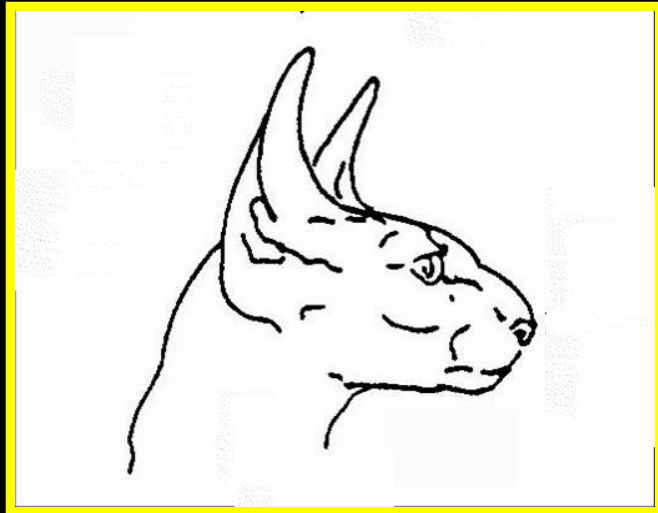- Proper width

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- Proper profile
- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman nose

- Head too long
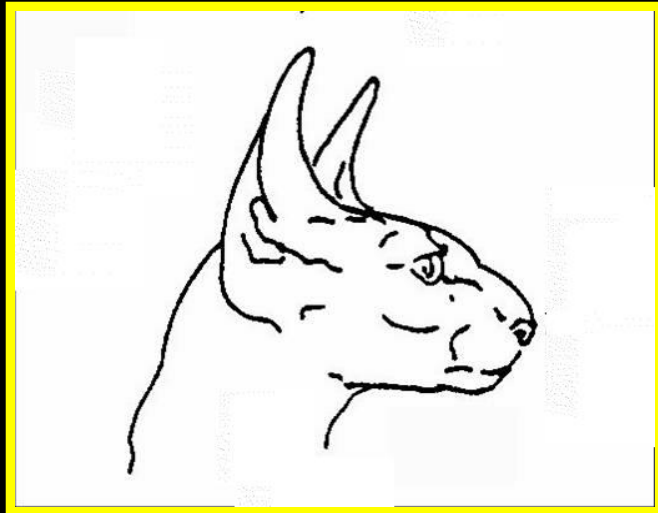- Flattens out profile and head

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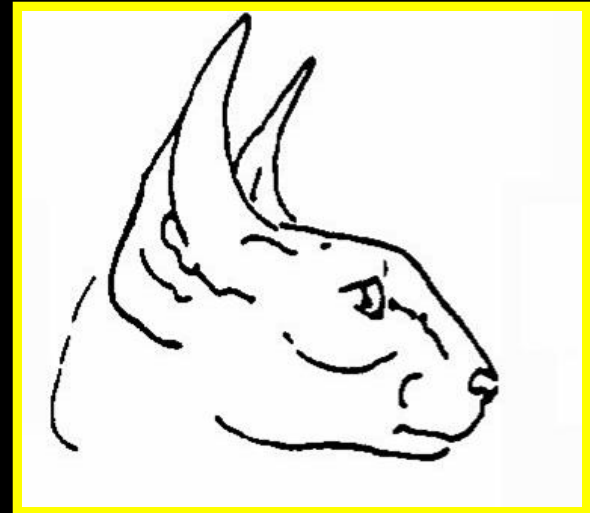
- Proper profile
- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman nose

- Head too Short

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- Proper profile
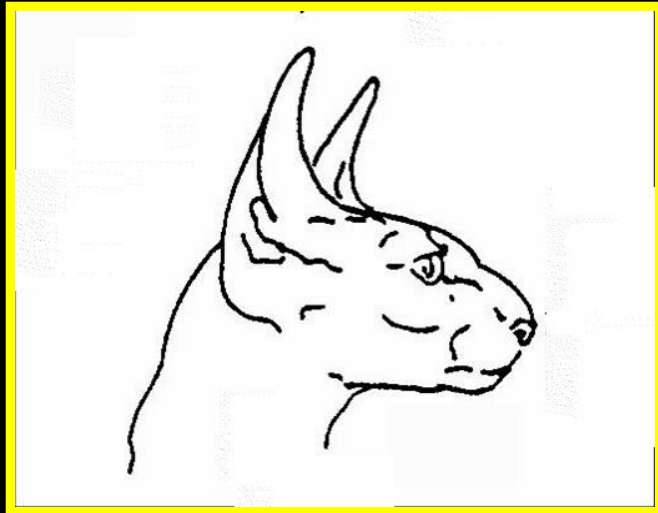- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman nose

- Classic Straight profile
- More in line with FIFE Standards

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Head- Profile -5 POINTS

- Proper profile
- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman nose
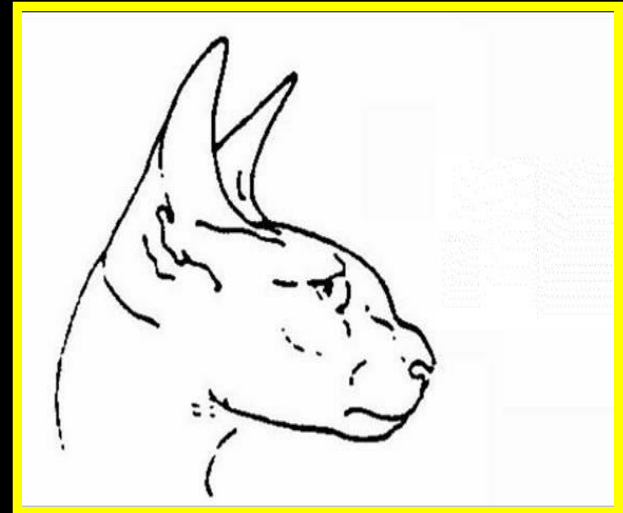
- Not a roman profile (can be mis-leading)
- Profile is more a "dip & bump" nose
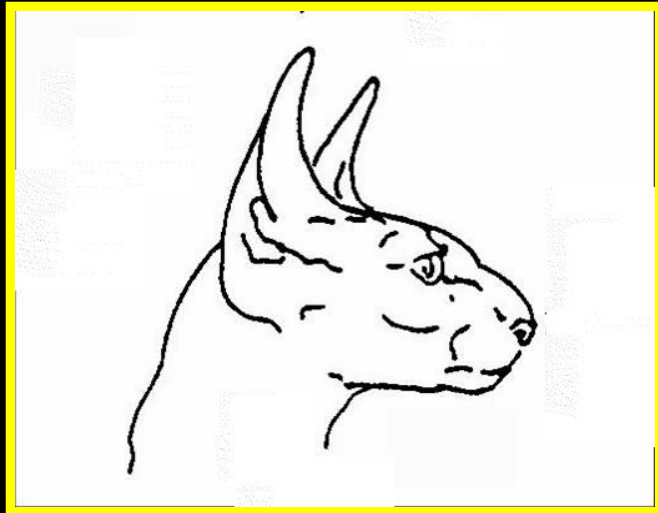
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- Proper profile
- Proper Length and Shape
- Roman nose
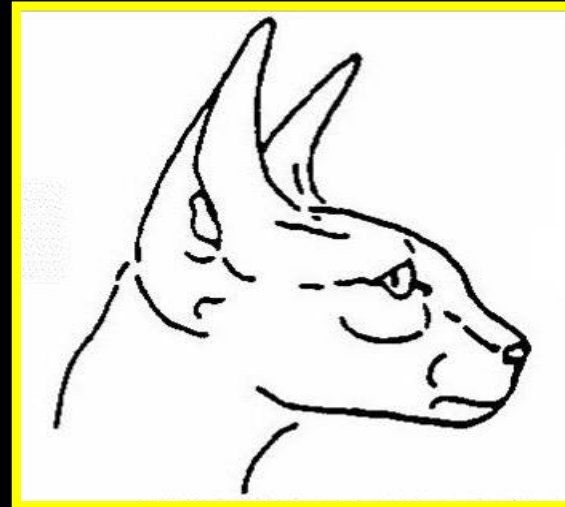
- Again sketch depicts incorrect profile

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Head- Eyes 5 POINTS

- Medium to large in size
- Oval in shape
- Slanting slightly upward
- Full eye width apart
- Color should be clear and intense

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- Correct ear shape and size
- Base of the ear starting at eye level
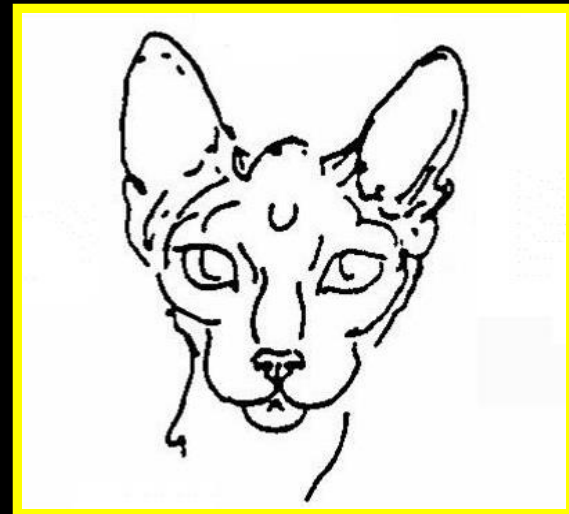
- Ears too small

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Head- Ears -5 POINTS
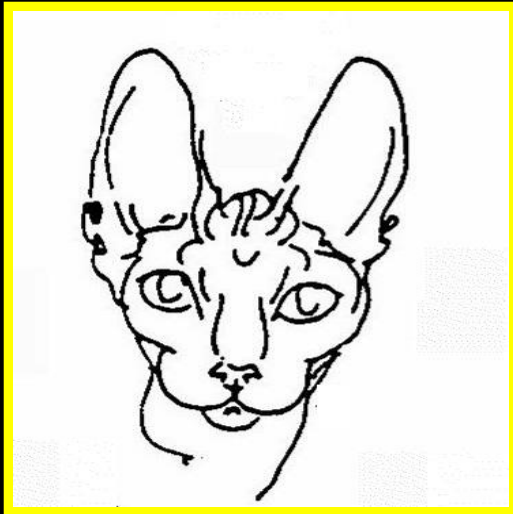
- Ears too high on the head
- Gives the appearance of "Mule Ears"
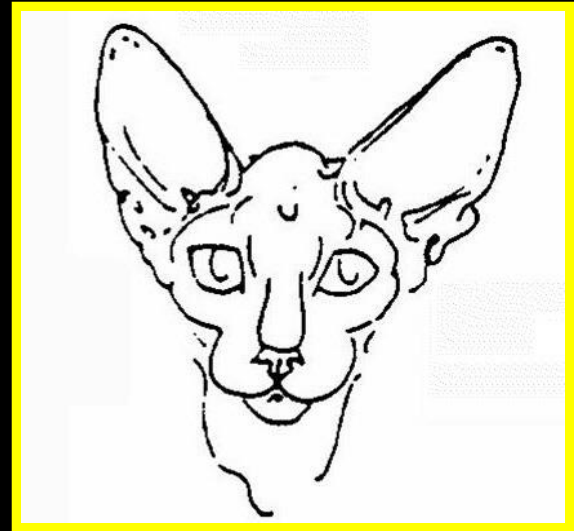
- Ears set too low
- Ears too wide at the base
- Ears set too far apart
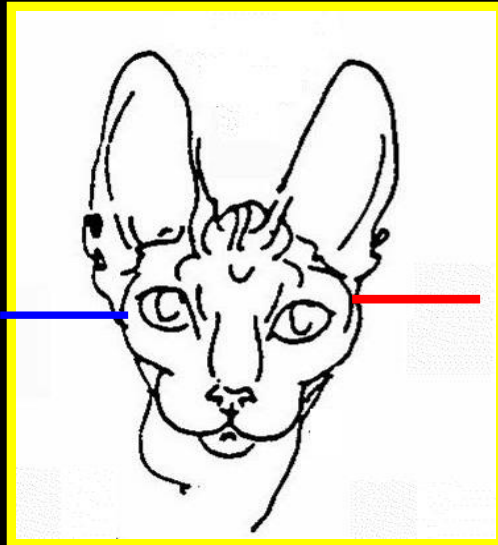
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- Mule ears
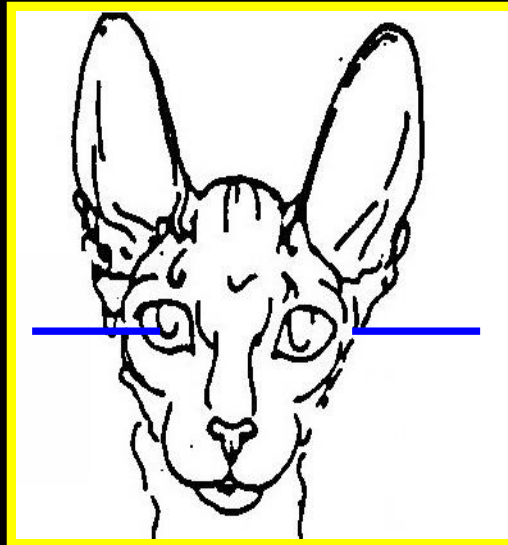
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Although the standard calls for a high ear set, they should not set on top of the head. They should start at eye level. Don't think the higher the better!

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Body – 30 POINTS

- Size   3 points
- Torso   10 points
- Legs & Paws   5 points
- Tail   5 points
- Bone   5 points
- Neck   2 points

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Body - Size- 3 POINTS

- Small to Medium
- Males proportionately larger

Two females   Two males

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- Torso long and slender, not tubular, hips are well muscled, body should feel very heavy in comparison to size.

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Body – Torso – 10 POINTS
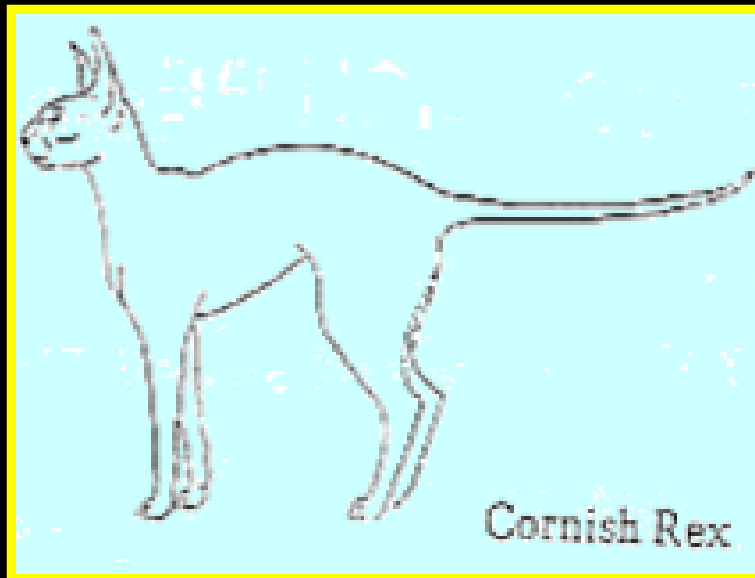
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- Back is naturally arched with lower line of the body approaching the upward curve. The arch is evident when the cat is standing naturally. Look for the tuck-up. Cornish are thicker through the chest than the flank.

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- **Long and slender**
- **Stands high on its legs**
- **Dainty paws**
- **Slightly oval**
- **Toes- 5 front and 4 in back**
- **Thighs well-muscled, somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body**

When looking at the back, thighs should have the appearance of having turkey legs, because of the well-developed muscles

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Body :   Tail= 5 points   Bone= 5 Points

- Tail- long and slender
- Tail tapers at the end and is very flexible
- Boning should be fine and delicate (like a fine wine)

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Body :   Neck = 2 points

- Neck is long and slender

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Coat – 40 POINTS

- Wave, extent of wave   20 points
- Texture   10 points
- Length   5 points
- Close lying   5 points

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Coat – 40 POINTS

- Short, extremely soft, silky
- Completely free of guard hairs
- Relatively dense
- Tight, uniform marcel wave, lying close to the body and extending from the top of head across the back, sides and hips continuing to the tip of the tail
- Size and depth of wave may vary
- Fur on the undersides of the chin and on chest and abdomen is short and noticeably wavy
- *Penalize* for a sparse coat or bare spots !!

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Color – 5 points

- Cornish Rex comes in all five recognized patterns…..

    Solid, silver , smoke, bi-color, and pointed

- They are also shown in four tabby patterns

    Classic, Mackerel, Ticked and Spotted

- Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button(s) do not qualify for the Calico or Bi-color classes.
    - Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket or button(s).
    - Sizes of such lockets or buttons can vary from cat to cat.

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Penalizable Characteristics

- Sparse coats or bare spots
- Review all color and pattern descriptions for penalizable characteristics!   There are nine!

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Disqualifying Characteristics

- Kinked or abnormal tail
- Incorrect number of toes
- Any coarse or guard hair
- Any signs of lameness in the hindquarters
- Signs of poor health

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Handling Tips

- Do not over handle……
- Once you determine that the cat is not going to run off the table,
  let the Cornish Rex stand on its own – <u>It will show itself</u>
- They are extremely willing to play with minimal encouragement
- Give a light stroke along the spine to coax it to arch up
- Never pin a Cornish Rex, this is very constricting and may be viewed as threatening to the cat

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Handling Tips

The Last LOOK !

- If the Cornish Rex fails to show its arched back and long legs on the judging table …Don't turn away! When you put a Rex back into its cage that's when you really will see the cat show off. Watch the cat as it gets its balance and as it shows off its legs and tuck-up.

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The end..............