**SACC British Longhair**

**Preliminary Standard**

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|  | *GENERAL:* The British Longhair cat is compact, well balanced, powerful and muscular, with an alert appearance. The coat is semi-long and dense with substantial undercoat, not long and flowing. |
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| **HEAD** | Round. Round face with full cheeks. Good breadth of skull with round underlying bone structure. |
| **EARS** | Medium in size, rounded tips. Set far apart, fitting into without distorting the rounded contour of the head. External ear well covered with fur. Internal furnishing sparse |
| **EYES** | Large, round and well opened. Set wide apart with no tendency to oriental shape. |
| **NOSE** | Short, broad and straight. In profile a rounded head should lead to a short straight nose, with a nose break which is neither too pronounced nor too shallow |
| **CHIN** | Strong, firm and deep. Tip of the chin to line up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane |
| **NECK** | Short and thick |
| **BODY** | Cobby with short level back. Low on legs. Broad deep chest. Equally massive across shoulders and rump. Medium to large but not rangy. |
| **LEGS & PAWS** | Legs short and strong. Paws round and firm. Toes carried close. |
| **TAIL** | Thick. Medium length. Thicker at base with rounded tip and well furnished |
| **COAT** | Semi-long, straight, dense, standing away from the body, not long and flowing. Ruff and breeches desirable. Fluff-plush texture, with natural protective appearance. Texture may differ slightly depending on the colour and pattern. |

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| **SCALE OF POINTS** |  | **SELF** | **PATTERNED** |
|  | Head and ears | **25** | **25** |
|  | Eyes | **10** | **10** |
|  | Body | **20** | **20** |
|  | Coat texture | **15** | **10** |
|  | Coat Colour | **20** | **25** |
|  | Condition | **5** | **5** |
|  | Temperament | **5** | **5** |
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| **FAULTS** |  |  |
| **Withhold major awards for:** | | |
| • Short or silky coat. | | |
| • Pronounced nose stop, flat face or snub nose | | |
| • Pronounced whisker pads | | |
| • Any defects listed in Relevant to All Breeds Section. | | |

**British Longhair colours & eye colours –** as for British Shorthair

**Allowable Outcross Breeds:** British Shorthair, British Shorthair variants (British shorthairs from British longhair programmes), Domestic Longhair\* or Domestic Shorthair\*.

\*These outcrosses will be permissible from 2020 until end 2023