

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SELKIRK REX AND OTHER CATS IN THE BSH SECTION (including MANX)

BREED	BRITISH SHORTHAIR	MANX	SELKIRK REX
HEAD	Round face with full cheeks and good breadth of skull with round underlying bone structure. The head should be set on a short, thick neck.	Fairly round and large with prominent cheeks. Strong muzzle without any hint of snappiness.	Similar head type to British Shorthair <u>except for slightly curved top of head. The muzzle is of medium width with well-padded whisker pads giving a rectangular impression & is clearly visible beyond the cheeks when viewed in profile.</u>
NOSE	Short, broad and straight. In profile a rounded forehead should lead to a short, straight nose with a nose break which is neither too pronounced nor too shallow.	Nose broad and straight of medium length without break.	Short, broad and straight <u>with a downward slant. In profile the nose can appear to have a convex curve.</u> The nose break is neither too pronounced nor too shallow.
CHIN	A strong, firm and deep chin is essential. The bite MUST be level. The tip of the chin to line up with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane.	Firm chin and even bite	Firm and well developed. The bite must be level, the tip of the chin should line up with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane.
EARS	Small, rounded at the tips. Set far apart, fitting (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head.	Fairly tall, set rather high on the head and angled slightly outwards. Open at the base tapering to a narrow rounded tip.	<u>Medium sized, broad at the base and may be tufted at the tips.</u> Set well apart on the broad head. Should fit into (without distorting) the rounded contour of the head. <u>Internal furnishings, if present, are curly.</u>
EYES	Large, round and well-opened. Set wide apart with no tendency to Oriental shape. No squint. Colour in keeping	Large and round. Colour preferably in keeping with coat colour.	Large, round and well-opened. Set wide apart with no tendency to Oriental shape nor squint. <u>All eye colours allowed.</u>

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BODY	Cobby type with short, level back. Low on legs with deep chest. Equally massive across the shoulders and the rump. Medium to large but not rangy.	Solid, compact, with good breadth of chest and short back ending in a definite round rump. The rump to be higher than the shoulder. Flanks of great depth.	Cobby type with a level back and may have a slight rise to the heavy hindquarters. <u>The muscular torso is more rectangular than square but not long.</u> The body is equally broad across the shoulders and rump, medium to large but not rangy.
LEGS & PAWS	Short, strong legs. Paws round and firm. Toes carried close.	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.	<u>Legs of medium length and substantially boned.</u> Paws round and firm.
TAIL	Should be thick and of medium length, thicker at the base with rounded tip.	Absolute taillessness is essential.	Thick, medium length thicker at the base with a rounded tip.
COAT	Must be short, dense and crisp. A soft and/or overlong and fluffy coat is incorrect	Double coated showing a well padded quality arising from a short, very thick undercoat and a slightly longer overcoat. The double quality of the coat it of far more importance than colour or markings, which should be taken into account only if all other points are equal.	<u>The coat is thick and dense. The coat stands out from the body and should not appear flat or close-lying. It is random, unstructured coat arranged in loose individual curls giving an overall soft and plush feel. Ideally the entire coat should show the effect of the rex gene but curliness may be most evident on the neck, belly and tail. Also Longhaired Selkirks</u>
COLOUR & PATTERN	Detailed descriptions for self and patterned cats. 15 points for colour on Selves, 20 points for colour & pattern on non-selves.	Only taken into account if all other points are equal.	<u>All coat colours, pattern and colour combinations are acceptable, including any white markings on any coat pattern.</u>