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Cornish Rex Club of Canada

# THE BREED STANDARD

# THE CORNISH REX STANDARD ACCORDING TO THE CRCC

The Cornish Rex cat is all about curves. Arches and sleek elegance, his racy, graceful, refined type is unmistakable.

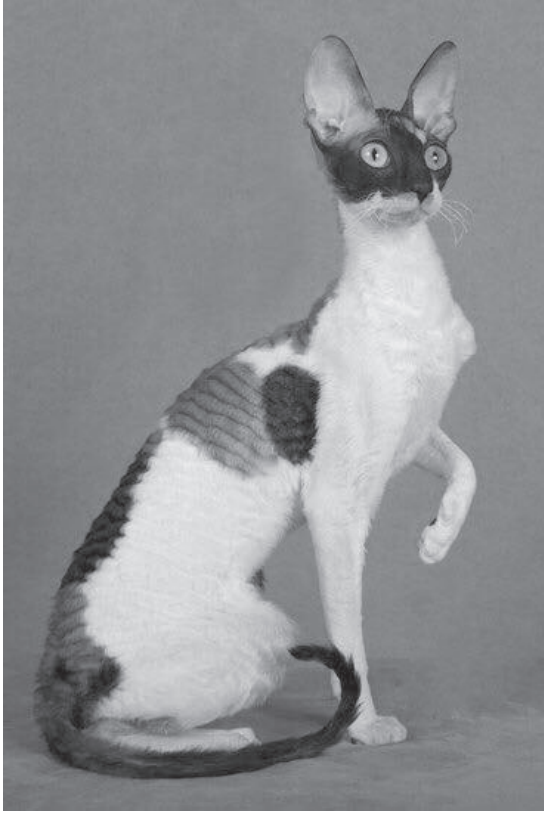
Standing tall and alert on long legs ending with small rounded feet, he is small boned but hard and muscular, delicate looking but surprisingly athletic and strong.

The back is naturally arched with a well defined waist.

His head is crowned by large cone shaped ears and is characterized by medium to large eyes, well-defined cheekbones, pinch and whisker pads.

His coat is comprised of soft curly undercoat, warm to the touch, lying close to the body in tightly woven, uniform waves.

These racy cats are small to medium in size, with males being larger but never coarse or bulky. Females are generally between 5-7lbs and males between 7-9 lbs.



# HEAD

The skull is egg shaped, with a prominent occiput, which accentuates the oval form of the head. Medium sized, the head is one third longer than its width. The forehead is gently rounded; the nose break is smooth and mild, followed by a Roman nose with a high prominent bridge. The whisker pads, cheekbones and whisker break are prominent and well defined, the face narrowing to a rounded muzzle finishing with a strong chin. The jaws are strong and close in a scissor bite.

# EARS

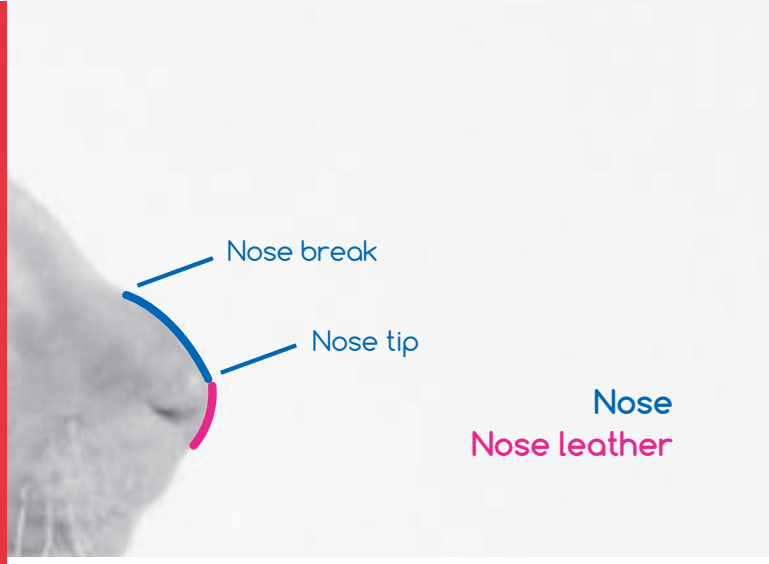
The ears are large, alert, with a broad base, placed high on the head almost parallel to each other. The tips are slightly rounded but not pointy.

# EYES

Medium to large, slightly oval in shape, slanting very slightly upward, open and alert, they are placed about an eye's width from each other. The outside corner of the eye runs a line almost straight to the outer edge of the ear.

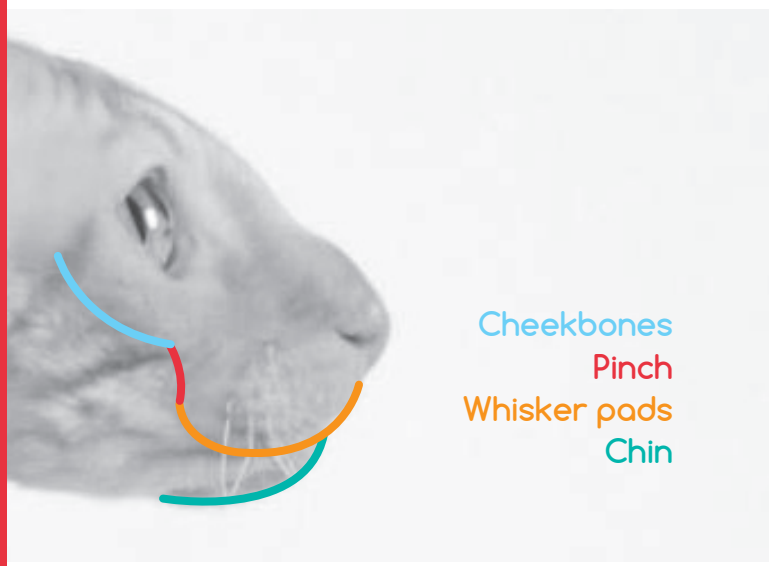
# NOSE

Roman, which is to say, a gently pronounced convex curve starting at the nose break and ending at the nose leather.




# MUZZLE

Whisker pads are thick, rounded and well defined, forming a well-defined pinch. The chin follows the oval line of the head, decreasing gently and finishing to a rounded end.




# PROFILE

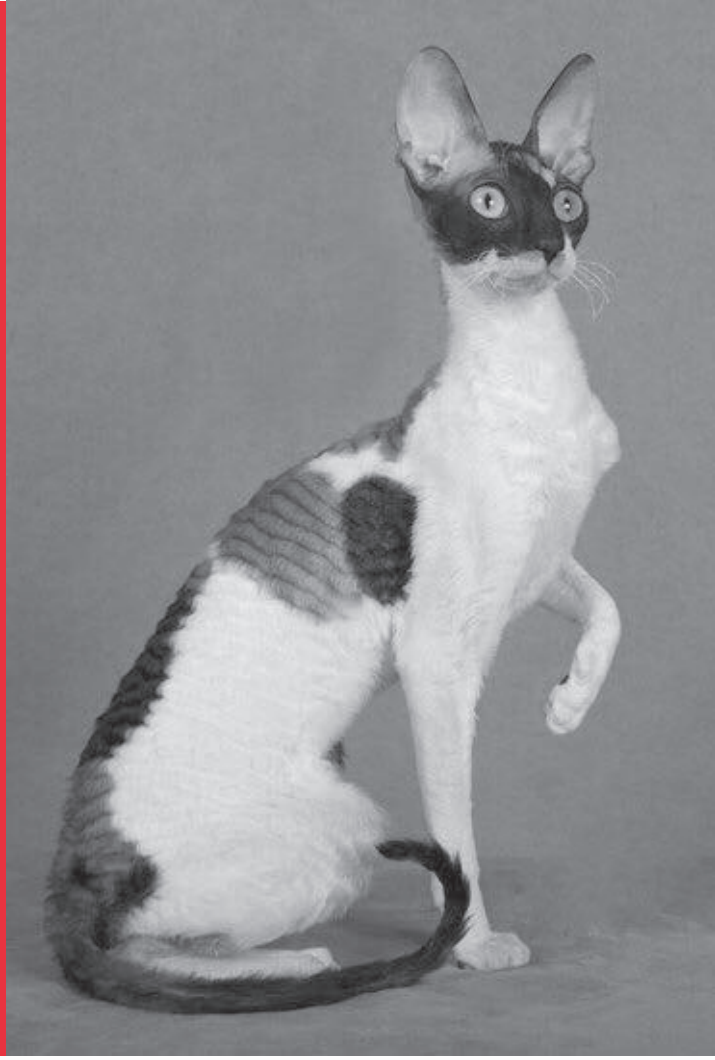
The profile consists of a gentle convex line from the top of the skull (occiput), continuing to the forehead all the way to the nose break. At the nose break the line starts again to create another convex curve all the way to the end of the nose, at the nose leather.
These two convex lines meeting in a smooth but definite nose break create the Roman profile. There is a rather straight line from tip of the nose to a deep, strong chin, in keeping with the rounded egg-shaped head.

# NECK

Long, fine, muscular and elegant, the neck forms a characteristic arch to the base of the skull.

# BODY

Elongated and lithe, the fine boned body is slender and muscular. The chest is deep but not round, the ribs and shoulders no broader than the hips. The top line is arched naturally, the underline gently curves upward from the end of the rib cage in a tucked up belly, to form a smallish waistline. The hips are strong, with a slightly rounded rump, well muscled and somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body.



# LEGS AND FEET

Very long and slender, fine boned, with strong muscular thighs finishing with small oval feet. Seen from behind, the legs and feet are straight. The overall effect is that of a cat standing high of his legs, almost on tippy toes.

# TAIL

The expressive tail is very long and slender, tapering slightly to the end. It should be as long as the body in proportion. It is very flexible and covered with fine, dense hair, preferably in waves.

# COAT

The coat is silky, soft, dense, curly undercoat, warm to the touch, lying close to the body in tightly woven, uniform, successive waves. Completely lacking in guard hairs, the waves should be present particularly on the back, shoulders and sides. While the coat on the head, neck, legs and paws is sometimes too short to wave, hair in those areas must be present.. Whiskers and eyebrows although sometimes short or broken must be present.

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