HEAD 25 Points
Shape (10)
Ears (5)
Eyes (10)

BODY/TAIL 35 Points
Neck (5)
Shape/Size (20)
Legs/Feet (5)
Tail (5)

COAT 10 Points
Length (5)
Texture (5)

COLOR 20 Points
CONDITION 5 Points
BALANCE 5 Points

General: The British Shorthair is a medium to large almost square cat. It is a sturdy cat, well knit and powerful with a broad, rounded chest. The head is broad with well rounded contours when viewed from any angle, with full cheeks, giving a chubby appearance, with a short broad nose. Overall appearance of this breed with its short bull neck, standing on strong muscular legs and well rounded paws, is that of a solid muscular cat, with no fat on its body, pleasing to the eye and very amenable to handling.

Head: Broad with well-rounded contours when viewed from any angle. Full cheeks give a chubby appearance. Nose is short and broad but not snub nosed with a concave curve. The profile shows a short muzzle, clearly visible beyond the curve of the cheek. Ears: Medium in size and set wide apart but not extreme. Broad at base and rounded tip. Eyes: Large, round and well opened. Set to show breadth of nose. Eye color gold to copper, with the darker shades preferred.

Body: Medium to large. A short rectangle to almost square body with a sturdy build. Shoulders at withers broad and flat. Hips same width as shoulders. Chest broad and rounded. Body well knit and powerful, especially in males. Neck: Short and bull like, particularly in males. Legs/Feet: Legs strong and muscular. Feet well rounded, not splayed. Tail: Length in proportion to the body. Thick at base with a slight taper. Well set to carry almost level with the back.

Coat: Coat should be short, well bodied and firm to the touch. Not double coated or woolly. Dense with a natural protective appearance.

Color: For cats with special markings, points are divided equally: 10 for color, 10 for markings.

Accepted Colors: Allows all recognized colors/patterns recognized by ACFA.

Condition: Muscular. No indication of fat or flabbiness.

Balance: Amenable to handling. The type required is the same for all British Shorthairs. The males are more massive in all characteristics.

UNDESIRABLE: Open coat, light undercoat. Wrong eye color: Green is wrong eye color for coat colors that require deep orange; deep orange is the wrong eye color for coat colors requiring green eyes.

OBJECTION: Color: Blue Cream: Tabby markings; colors that are patched instead of brindled; solid color on face, legs and tail; white markings in coat. Tortoiseshell: Tabby markings; solid color on face, feet and tail. And White: Tabby markings, a long tail, green eyes, brindling within the patching. Cameo Mc Tabby: Trace of blue in the eyes, black rims around eyes or nose.