

# Highlander KH & LH

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## GESCHICHTE

The **Highlander** (also known as the **Highlander Shorthair**, and originally as the **Highland Lynx**), is an experimental breed of cat. The unique appearance of the Highlander comes from the deliberate cross between the Desert Lynx and the Jungle Curl breeds, also recently developed. The latter of these has some non-domestic ancestry from two Asian small cat species, the leopard cat and jungle cat, making the Highlander nominally a feline hybrid, though its foundation stock is mostly domestic cat.

Development of the breed began in 2004 with the intent of creating a domestic cat with a powerful "big cat" look. In 2005, the name Highlander was settled on and breeders focused on defining the breed and its characteristics as they worked toward championship status in TICA - one of the largest registries in the world. The cats used to develop the breed were carefully chosen from the domestic gene pool and not from any existing recognized breed. The ears are a key feature of the Highlander. TICA recognized the Highlander for competition in the Preliminary New Breed class starting May 1st, 2008.

## STANDARD (TICA)

The Highlander (HGS) and Highlander Longhair (HG) are medium to large muscular and athletic appearing cats. Distinguishing features are the straight to slightly convex forehead, wide nose bridge, blunt profile, and the loose relaxed curl to its wide based ears.

### HEAD:

Shape: Wide, inverted pear-shaped head with substantial width to the muzzle. Eyes: Medium to large sized, set far apart. Set on a slight bias Slightly flattened or hooded oval in shape. Eye color is independent of coat color except in the Pointed and Mink Category. Ears: Medium in size, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side, as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base, flexible at the tips. Loose relaxed curl of no more than 90°. No preference given to the direction the ear tips point in. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but not more than 90° by adulthood.

Muzzle: Full, wide, strong with a definite break. Prominent whisker pads should make the muzzle appear squared.

Chin: Strong and deep. Must align with the top of the jaw.

Profile: Rounded back skull, straight to slight rounded forehead, with a change of direction at the eye ridge, may have a slight curve to nose bridge. Nose, muzzle and chin form a straight line in profile.

Nose: Wide with substantial nose leather.

### BODY:

Torso: Medium to large in size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back

with hips higher than shoulders.

Overall muscled, athletic appearance. Males are proportionally larger than females. Legs: Medium in length, back legs longer than front. Feet: Medium to large, rounded with large knuckles. Longhair (HG) must have toe tufts. Tail: Short and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of 1 inch in adults with proportional length in kittens. Should not extend past the hock. Kinks and curls are allowed. Boning: Moderately heavy and substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled.

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: (HGS) Short in length, laying loosely against the body. Dense. Length: (HG) Longhair up to 2½ inches falling smoothly to the sides, with shaggy belly hair that is longer than the rest of the coat. Texture: There will be texture variations depending upon the color and coat length of the cat.

### Pattern:

Tabby: All tabby patterns are allowed. Pointed: Expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Highlander is a muscular, athletic cat. Highlander cats come in both shorthair and longhair. Physical characteristics include a straight to slightly convex forehead and wide nose, with the nose and muzzle forming a blunt look in profile. The curled ear is seen in profile as a loose, relaxed curl. The ears are wide-based and open.

**COLORS:** All.

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