

Standard of Egyptian Longeared Hedgehog (*Hemiechinus auritus*) judgement in practice

Temperament (28points)

Temperament of the LEH is checked via 2 parts :

The first part how the judge checks LEH temperament is to observe the hedgehog by watching it inside the transparent box. In this box – LEH is not touched or disturbed by judge's hands. The judge observes all necessities needed for judging in this box.

1. Unroll, this is the most important part of temperament, because if the hedgehog is not willing to open, than the judgement is not possible. If hedgehog is unrolled then we can check face, legs, ears etc.

2. Quills flat, is essential to determine the true form of the hedgehog during the judgement. Without flat quills, we cant see the mistakes in the body shape.

The Second part of Temperament judgement is done in the end of the whole judgement (as the last thing) – it means when all categories of judging papers are filled then we put the hedgehog out of the box and we watch and check its personality.

3. Personality, at this point we check how huffy and bity is the hedgehog. Longeared hedgehogs are naturally more wild, bity and huffy then APH but also in this specie there are differencies in personalities.

- Unroll (10pt)
- Quillsflat (8pt)
- Personality (10 pt)

-☒ If hedgehg bite the judge more than once we automaticaly remove 5points from Personality

FACE (5 points)

Face of the LEH is different from APH standard.

A nice face is round and wide with long nose. Males usually has a bit more massive face than females.

Face can't have any injuries and it is judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Face category has parts :

- Width (2pt)
- Depth (1pt)
- Aesthetics (2pt)

EYES (2 points)

Here we judge the size and shine of the eye, and also if the hedgehog has a fatty eye. Hedgehogs with missing eye can take part of a show, but this point will be taken down.

Eyes judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Eyes category has parts :

- Size (1pt)
- Brightness (1pt)

EARS (5 points)

If we check a hedgehog from the front, it's definitely an important thing to see symmetric ears.

We judge the width, depths, length and the aesthetics of the ears.

A Standard ear is bigger and longer than the end of the quills. The form is sharper (the elf's ear). The massive long sharp ears are wished.

Ears are judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Ears category has parts :

- Width (0,5pt)
- Depth (0,5pt)
- Length (2pt)
- Aesthetics (2pt)

BODY SHAPE (25 Point)

Profile :

Profile =checking LEH From the side. The top-line shall proceed in a smooth and flowing curved line from the forehead to the base of the rump. So a nice and ideal profile doesn't allows peaked or dipped backs. This part is judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Flow :

Flow is observed and judged From the top view. An ideal form is like a drop of water. It means LEH has a nice flow which doesn't break anywhere. Shoulder humps, hip pockets and other characteristics that break that water drop line are not preferred. The hip pockets specifically can be found on hedgehogs which are very active, and using the wheel all night. Also if a hedgehog was overweight, and then lost weight, usually a skirt stays back at the belly, which is also not ideal. Most of the cases this skirt is can be observed on females, which already had a litter, but in time it's usually move back.

Flow is judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Rump :

The rump shall be spherical over the top with a straight drop to the skirt (half globe shape). Steep or straight rumps are not preferred. Rump is judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Weight :

Obese or underweighed LEH body are not ideal. There isn't exact ideal weight, it depends on the size of the hedgehog, but fat layer or too thin LEH is undesirable. Weight can be judged in both parts of judgement – in transparent box or in hand . If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

Body shape cathegory has parts :

- Profile (5)
- Flow (5)
- Rump (5)
- Weight (10)

LEGS AND FEET (5 points)

At this aspect we examine the legs are well spaced apart from front to back, and also from side to side. Walking like a penguin is not wished. The first feet must have 5 toes, the rear feet has 5 toes.

This part of the judgement is judged in first part of judgement – in transparent box, and in the second part of the judgement too - out of the box.

Legs and feet category has parts :

- Number of toes (2pt)
- Leg set front/back (1,5pt)
- Leg set side (1,5pt)

QUILLS (10 points)

Healthy quills are straight, strong, and thick. Quills like a hook or too thin are not preferable. The hedgehog must have the same **density** of quills around the whole back, can't be less and more dens places. The **uniformity** of the quills means that on the whole back of the LEH there are the same long and the same thick quills everywhere. Differences are not acceptable. LEH are usually has higher dens of quills than APH.

Quills category has parts :

- Density (5pt)
- Uniformity (5pt)

Quills are judged in the first part of the judgement – in transparent box. If additional sight is needed then we check it out of box in the end of judgement.

COLOUR (10points)

An ideal longeared hedgehog has the same quills colour through the whole back, this we call **uniformity**.

Typification means all these details are in harmony, and the hedgehog has a typical wild colour.

Color category has parts :

- Uniformity (5pt)
- Typification (5pt)

Colour is judged in the first part of the judgement, in transparent box. Also of the judge needs to check the colour in the hand too, than it can be judged also in the second part.

Skin and Fur (10 points)

Skin is supposed to be clean and not dry. Fur is the expected color – from white to light brown/grey. Ideal is fluffy coat with the same density everywhere.

- Condition (5pt)
- Uniformity (2pt)
- Density (3pt)

Skin and fur needs to be judged into the second part of the judgement



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