

LaPerm Longhair & Shorthair

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Note: the most recent updates can be found at: [Breeding Decree - Breeding Programmes Cats | Vlaanderen.be](https://www.breedingdecree.be)



Other names

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LaPerm Longhair and **LaPerm Shorthair** are sister breeds that share the same standard, except for coat length. Free crossbreeding is always possible. No additional permission is required.

Aim of the programme

The breeding programme aims to reduce the most common hereditary disorders without excluding too many cats, in order to maintain genetic diversity within the breed population.

Instead of systematically excluding animals, we have drawn up breeding recommendations based on carefully considered combinations. Naturally, the physical health of the animals is taken into account, and cats suffering from one of these disorders are excluded from breeding.

Performance tests

CONDITION	RECOMMENDATION	SCREENING METHOD	AGE	FREQUENCY
Deafness	Mandatory for completely white cats (W-locus gene)	BAER test	From 6 weeks Before the first mating	One-time
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKDef)	Mandatory	DNA test <i>PKLR: c.707-53G>A</i>	V From birth Before the first mating	One-time

*For DNA testing:

Free by descent: when both parents of a breeding animal have been tested free of an affected or abnormal allele by means of DNA and parentage verification has shown that they are the parents, the breeding animal does not need to be tested again, but it can be assumed that the breeding animal is also free of the affected or abnormal allele in question.

Breeding advice per performance test

Breeding advice is given here (schematically and in table form) for every possible parent combination.

- **Positive advice** or green means that this is a suitable mating based on this test.
- **Conditional positive advice** or orange means that this is not an ideal pairing based on this test, but that the pairing is permitted. Such combinations are permitted in order not to compromise the genetic diversity of a breed.
- **Breeding prohibition** or red means that this is not a suitable pairing based on this test. These animals may not be combined.

Animals suffering from autosomal **recessive disorders** may only be used if the welfare of the animal and its offspring is assured.

CONDITION	POSSIBLE SCREENING RESULT	BREEDING ADVICE				
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Deafness	<p>BEAR test results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> normal: normal hearing in both ears unilateral: completely deaf in one ear and normal hearing in the other ear bilateral: completely deaf in both ears no result: no BAER test was performed 	Female cat	Male	Normal hearing	Unilateral deafness	Bilateral deafness
			Normal hearing	green	red	red
			Unilateral deafness	red	red	red
			Bilateral deafness	red	red	red
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKDef)	<p>This is an autosomal recessive inheritance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Free Carrier (1 normal and 1 affected gene copy) Affected (2 affected gene copies) No result 	Female	Male	Free	carrier	sufferer
			free	green	green	green
			carrier	green	red	red
			sufferer	green	red	red
			No result	green	red	red

General breeding advice

The **mandatory tests** must be carried out in accordance with the specified conditions and frequency. If one or more of these results is a 'breeding ban', this combination may not be carried out.

Depending on the number of clinical examinations that may result in a **conditional positive breeding recommendation (orange)**, a maximum number of conditional positive results is permitted:

- 1-2 examinations: max. 1 conditional positive
- 3-4 examinations: max. 2 conditional positives
- 5 or more examinations: max. 3 conditional positive results

In such cases, **further follow-up** by the breeder is required before repeating such mating.

The **inbreeding coefficient** in the FBe database is calculated using Wright's formula **over five generations** (if known).

The inbreeding coefficient (COI) of an offspring may **be a maximum of 1% higher than the average COI of both parents**.

If **fewer than 3 generations** of the parents are known, the combination is only permitted if there are no common ancestors on both the paternal and maternal sides. All breeding recommendations for the mandatory tests must then be positive. A female cat may not be mated with her grandfather, her father, her brother, her half-brother, her son or her grandson.

To prevent disease-causing mutations from spreading too widely within the breed or population, it is essential not to allow a male cat to mate too often (popular sire effect). In this way, we limit the spread of harmful genetic variants and contribute to the long-term health of the breed.

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