

AMERICAN BOBTAIL

THE SHORTHAIR AND LONGHAIR AMERICAN BOBTAIL ARE JUDGED AS SEPARATE BREEDS. The American Bobtail is a medium to large, naturally occurring bobtailed cat. Athletic and well muscled, the cat has a look and feel of power. It possess a unique natural hunting gaze with an expression of intelligence and alertness.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (40)

(15) BODY – Moderately long and substantial with a rectangular stance. Broad chest with prominent shoulder blades. Hips are slightly higher than shoulders and almost as wide as chest. Deep flank. Athletic and muscular in appearance. Slow to mature.

(5) LEGS & PAWS – Legs in proportion to the body, boning is substantial. Paws are large and round. Toe tufts are desirable in longhaired varieties. Polydactyl paws are NOT allowed.

(15) TAIL – Short, *flexible* and expressive. Tail may be straight, slightly curved or slightly kinked or have bumps along the length of the tail. Tail set is in line with the top line of the hip. Broad at base, substantial to the touch (never fragile). Straighter tails should exhibit a fat pad at the end of the tail. Tail must be long enough to be clearly visible above the back when alert, but should not extend past a stretched hind hock in length. No one length preferred.

(5) NECK – Medium in length but may appear short due to musculature.

II – HEAD TYPE (40)

(9) FULL FACE – Broad modified wedge without noticeable flat planes or doming. Size in proportion to the body. Cheekbones are noticeable. In profile slightly concave curve between nose and brow with good length between brow and ears. Widening of the head and jowls apparent in adult males.

(8) BROW – Distinctive, evidenced by a slightly rounded forehead to eye ridge. The brow ridge is fleshy; creating the top line of the eye producing the breed's natural hunting gaze.

(8) MUZZLE/CHIN – Noticeable whisker break above a well defined broad medium-length muzzle. Fleshy whisker pads. Chin strong and wide, perpendicular in line with the nose.

(5) NOSE – Wide, being equally as wide from the inside corner of the eyes down the length of the nose into a large nose leather.

(5) EARS – Medium-sized, rounded tips, wide at the base, wide set, upright with a slight outward tilt. Lynx tipping and ear furnishings highly desirable. In all tabby patterns including lynx point — lighter coloured thumb prints on the back of the ears is desirable.

(5) EYES – Large. Almost almond in shape. Deep set. Outside corner of eye angled slightly upward towards the ears. Medium-width apart.

III – COAT TEXTURE / DENSITY (10)

Shorthairs: Medium coat length. Texture is semi-dense, non-matting, resilient with slight loft, double coat, hard top coat with a soft downy undercoat. Seasonal variations of coat should be recognized. Coat may be softer in texture in dilute colours, lynx points, and silvers. Undercoat may be mouse gray in tabbies. **Longhairs:** Medium long, slightly shaggy coat which tapers to slightly longer hair on ruff, britches, belly and tail; slight ruff, mutton chops desirable. Texture is a resilient, non-matting, double coat. Undercoat not extremely dense. Seasonal variations of coat allowed. **Both Coats:** a softer texture is allowed in dilute colours, lynx points and silvers. Undercoat may be mouse gray in tabbies.

IV – COLOUR (10)

All colours and patterns or combinations of colours/patterns are allowed with or without white. High rufusing is desirable in all tabbies, including silvers; with no penalty for lack of rufusing. Body patterns highly desirable in lynx points and smokes. White lockets, buttons, or small spots are allowed. All eye colours allowed regardless of coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The American Bobtail should give an overall impression of strength and robust health.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Tail too long or too short.	2-4 points
* Tail excessively kinked or knotted out of shape.	2-4 points
* Tail rigid, fragile, or set low on body.	2-4 points
* Straight tail without a fat pad at the end.	2-4 points
* Round eyes.	1-2 points
* Weak chin.	2-3 points
* Extremely short muzzle or nose break.	2-3 points
* Cottony coat.	1-3 points

WITHHOLDS

- * Total lack of tail or a full-length tail.
- * Delicate bone structure.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All Colours / Patterns and combinations with or without white accepted. All eye colours accepted.

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	American Bobtail (LH & SH)
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	American Bobtail (LH & SH)
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	American Bobtail (LH & SH)