# JAPANESE BOBTAIL

**LONGHAIRS AND SHORTHAIRS ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.**

The Japanese Bobtail is a medium sized cat with clean lines and bone structure. It is well-muscled but straight and slender rather than massive in build. The unique eye set combined with high cheekbones and a long parallel nose, give a uniquely Japanese look to the face, especially in profile. It should look quite different from other oriental breeds. The short tail resembles that of a rabbit with the hair fanning out in a pom-pom like effect which hides the bone structure of the tail.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (50)

(15) BODY – The body is medium in size. The torso is long, lean and elegant, not tubular, and shows well developed muscular strength without coarseness. There should be no inclination toward flabbiness or cobbiness. General balance is of utmost important. NOTE: ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE MADE FOR UNDEVELOPED BODY REFINEMENT IN YOUNG ADULTS.

(15) LEGS & FEET – Legs are in keeping with the body. They are long, slender and high, but not dainty or fragile in appearance. The hind legs are noticeably longer than the forelegs, but are deeply angulated to bend when the cat is standing relaxed so that the torso remains nearly level rather than rising toward the rear. When standing, the cat's forelegs and shoulders form two continuous straight lines, close together. Paws are oval.

(20) TAIL – The tail is unique not only to the breed, but also to each individual cat. This is to be used as a guideline rather than promoting one specific type of tail out of the many that occur within the breed. The tail must be clearly visible and is composed of one or more curves, angles, or kinks or any combination thereof. The furthest extension of the tail bone from the body should be no longer than three inches. The direction in which the tail is carried is not important. The tail may be flexible or rigid and should be the size and shape that harmonizes with the rest of the cat. Tail hair is somewhat longer and thicker than the body hair, growing outward in all directions to create a pom-pom (a bunny tail), or a slightly open tail, the camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail. NOTE: EXCESSIVE MANIPULATION OF THE TAIL IS FORBIDDEN.

## II – HEAD TYPE (20)

(5) FULL FACE – Although the head appears long and finely chiseled, it forms an almost perfect equilateral triangle (the triangle does not include the ears), with gentle curving lines, high cheekbones and a noticeable whisker break. The nose is long and well-defined by two parallel lines from tip to brow. The muzzle is fairly broad and rounds into the whisker break. The full face is neither pointed nor blunt.

(5) PROFILE – There is a gentle dip in the nose at or below eye level. The profile is neither pointed nor blunt.

(5) EARS – Ears are large, upright and expressive. They are set wide apart but at right angles to the head, rather than flaring outward. They give the impression of being tilted forward in repose.

(5) EYES – Eyes are large and oval, rather than round, but wide and alert. They are set into the skull at a rather pronounced slant when viewed in profile. The eyeball shows a shallow curvature and should not bulge out beyond the cheekbone or the forehead.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

SHORTHAIR: The coat is medium in length, soft and silky but without a noticeable undercoat.

LONGHAIR: The coat is medium-long to long with a soft and silky texture. There is no noticeable undercoat in the mature adult. A frontal ruff is desirable. The coat may be shorter and close lying over the shoulders, gradually lengthening toward the rump, with noticeable longer hair on the tail and rear britches. Ear and toe tufts are desirable. The coat should lie so as to accent the lines of the body.

## IV – COLOUR (20)

Japanese Bobtail's traditional colour is the Mi-Ki (mee-kay) which is a tri-coloured cat (black, red and white), In bi-colours and tri-colours, any colour may predominate with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and vividly contrasting colours. In the solid colour cat, the coat should be uniform density and colour from the tip to the root of each hair and from the nose of the cat to the tail. Nose leather, paw pads and eye colour should harmonize generally with coat colour. Blue eyes and odd eyes are allowed. COLOURS THAT ARE POINT RESTRICTED (i.e., Siamese pattern) OR UN-PATTERNED AGOUTI (i.e. Abyssinian colouration) ARE NOT ALLOWED.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The cat should be well-muscled and balanced.

## OBJECTIONS

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| * Siamese or cobby type. | 3-5 |
| * Short round head. | 3-5 |

## WITHHOLDS

* Tail bone absent or extending too far beyond body.
* Tail lacking pom-pom or fluffy appearance.
* Delayed bobtail effect (i.e. – the pom-pom being preceded by an inch (2.5 cm) or more of normal tail with close-lying hair rather than appearing to commence at the base of the spine.
* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to the Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

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| BREED ORIGIN: | Natural |
| REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: | No Foundation Allowed |
| SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: | No Foundation Allowed |
| ALLOWED ANCESTRY: | Japanese Bobtail (LH & SH) |
| ALLOWED MATINGS: | Japanese Bobtail (LH & SH) |

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(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate colour/classification code)

MALE (Longhair)

JB□□□□□□1

FEMALE (Longhair)

JB□□□□□□2

MALE (Shorthair)

JB□□□□□□3

FEMALE (Shorthair)

JB□□□□□□4

EYE COLOUR: should harmonize with the predominate coat colour.

**SOLID**

BLACK . . . . . 005XXX
BLUE . . . . . 006XXX
CREAM . . . . . 008XXX
RED . . . . . 007XXX
WHITE (BLUE EYED) . . . . . 001XXX
WHITE (COPPER EYED). . . . . 002XXX
WHITE (GOLD EYED). . . . . 068XXX
WHITE ( GREEN EYED) . . . . . 004XXX
WHITE (ODD EYED). . . . . 003XXX

**SMOKE**

BLACK SMOKE . . . . . 005CXX
BLUE SMOKE . . . . . 006CXX
BLUE CREAM SMOKE . . . . . 013CXX
CAMEO SMOKE (red smoke) . . . . . 010CXX
CREAM CAMEO SMOKE (cream smoke) . . . . . 066CXX
TORTOISESHELL SMOKE . . . . . 012CXX

**TABBY/TORTIE**

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 006EXX
BLUE MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 006FXX
BLUE SPOTTED TABBY. . . . . 006GXX
BROWN CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 025EXX
BROWN MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 025FXX
BROWN SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 025GXX
CREAM CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 008EXX
CREAM MACKEREL TABBY. . . . . 008FXX
CREAM SPOTTED TABBY. . . . . 008GXX
RED CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 007EXX
RED MACKEREL TABBY. . . . . 007FXX
RED SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 007GXX

BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 051EXX
BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 051FXX
BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 051GXX
CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY (red silver tabby) . . . . . 010EXX
CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY (red silver tabby) . . . . . 010FXX
CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY (red silver tabby) . . . . . 010GXX
CREAM CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY (cream silver tabby) 066EXX
CREAM CAMEO MACK. TABBY (cream silver tabby). . 066FXX
CREAM CAMEO SPOT. TABBY (cream silver tabby) . . . 066GXX
SILVER CLASSIC TABBY. . . . . 021EXX
SILVER MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 021FXX
SILVER SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 021GXX

BLUE PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 006JEX
BLUE PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 006JFX
BLUE PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 006JGX
BROWN PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY. . . . . 025JEX
BROWN PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 025JFX
BROWN PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 025JGX

BLUE SILVER PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY. . . . . 051JEX
BLUE SILVER PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 051JFX
BLUE SILVER PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY . . . . . 051JGX
SILVER PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY . . . . . 021JEX
SILVER PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY . . . . . 021JFX
SILVER PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY. . . . . 021JGX

BLUE CREAM . . . . . 013XXX
TORTOISESHELL. . . . . 012XXX

**BI-COLOUR**

The bi-colour pattern consists of a coat of colour/pattern with the addition of white. Ideally the 4 paws and legs, belly and chest are white, with white on the face and chin.

The occurrence of **blue-eyed or odd-eyed* bi-colour cats** is allowed. **To assign the eye colour, substitute** the first letter **'X'** (which appears below) with either **'Y'** for blue-eyed OR **'Z'** for odd-eyed* colour. (i.e., **Black & White Blue-eyed** colour code would be 005M**Y**X while the code for **Black & White Odd-eyed** would be 005M**Z**X).

BLACK & WHITE . . . . . 005MXX
BLUE & WHITE . . . . . 006MXX
CREAM & WHITE . . . . . 008MXX
RED & WHITE . . . . . 007MXX

BLACK SMOKE & WHITE . . . . . 005MXX
BLUE SMOKE & WHITE. . . . . 006MXX
CAMEO & WHITE (red smoke & white) . . . . . 010MXX
CREAM CAMEO & WHITE (cream smoke & white) . . . . 066MXX

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 006EMX
BLUE MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 006FMX
BLUE SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 006GMX
BROWN CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 025EMX
BROWN MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 025FMX
BROWN SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 025GMX
CREAM CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 008EMX
CREAM MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 008FMX
CREAM SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 008GMX
RED CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 007EMX
RED MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 007FMX
RED SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 007GMX

BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 051EMX
BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 051FMX
BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 051GMX
CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE (red silver) . . . . . 010EMX
CAMEO MACKEREL & WHITE (red silver) . . . . . 010FMX
CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE (red silver). . . . . 010GMX
CREAM CAMEO CLASS. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver) 066EMX
CREAM CAMEO MACK. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver). 066FMX
CREAM CAMEO SPOT. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver) . . 066GMX
SILVER CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 021EMX
SILVER MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 021FMX
SILVER SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 021GMX

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 006FVX
BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 006FVX
BLUE SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 006GVX
BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. . . . . 025EVX
BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . 025FVX
BROWN PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 025GVX
BLUE SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. 051EVX
BLUE SILVER MACK. PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . 051FVX
BLUE SILVER SPOT. PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. . . . 051GVX
SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 021EVX

SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. . . . 021FVX
SILVER SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY & WHITE . . . . . 021GVX

BLUE CREAM & WHITE . . . . . 013MXX
TORTOISESHELL & WHITE. . . . . 012MXX

BLUE CREAM SMOKE & WHITE . . . . . 013CMX
TORTOISESHELL SMOKE & WHITE . . . . . 012CMX

**MI-KE (TRICOLOUR)**

When registering the unpatterned Mi-Ke the dominant colour (i.e., blue or black) does **not** have tabby markings. Any tabby markings in the red or cream colour are to be ignored.

DILUTE MI-KE (blue, cream, white) . . . . . 044XXX
MI-KE (black, red, white) . . . . . 043XXX

DILUTE MI-KE SMOKE . . . . . 044CXX
(blue smoke, cream smoke, white)
MI-KE SMOKE . . . . . 043CXX
(black smoke, red smoke, white)

**PATTERNED MI-KE (TRICOLOUR)**

PATTERNED BROWN MI-KE (brown tabby, red, white) . 171XXX
PATTERNED DILUTE MI-KE (blue tabby, cream, white). 172XXX

PATTERNED SILVER MI-KE . . . . . 069XXX
(silver tabby, red smoke, white)
PATTERNED SILVER DILUTE MI-KE . . . . . 173XXX
(blue silver tabby, cream smoke, white)

**VAN**

BLACK VAN . . . . . 005LXX
BLUE VAN . . . . . 006LXX
CREAM VAN. . . . . 008LXX
RED VAN. . . . . 007LXX

**Tabby & Patched Tabby Vans do NOT require a specific tabby pattern as part of their code.**

BLUE TABBY VAN . . . . . 006WXX
BROWN TABBY VAN . . . . . 025WXX
CREAM TABBY VAN. . . . . 008WXX
RED TABBY VAN. . . . . 007WXX
SILVER TABBY VAN . . . . . 021WXX

BLUE CREAM VAN . . . . . 013LXX
TORTOISESHELL VAN . . . . . 012LXX

**OTHER JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLOURS / PATTERNS**

Any other colour, pattern, or combination of colours and patterns EXCEPT point restricted (i.e. Siamese) or unpatterned Agouti (i.e., Abyssinian).