

KURILIAN BOBTAIL

THE SHORTHAIR AND LONGHAIR KURILIAN BOBTAIL ARE JUDGED AS SEPARATE BREEDS.

The Kurilian Bobtail is a natural breed domestic cat which traces its ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula, Kuril Islands and the island of Sakhalin. This breed has substantial boning, a semi-cobby body and a distinctive pom-pom like tail.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (40)

(8) BODY – Large, semi-cobby. Chest is broad. Back is arched. Rump is raised. Shows depth of flank. Females may be noticeably smaller than males. Breed is slow to mature.

(6) LEGS & PAWS – Legs medium in length, substantial. Hind legs are longer than front. Paws are rounded.

(15) TAIL – Composed of one or more kinks or curves or any combination thereof, appearing as a pom-pom or brush. May be rigid or flexible or a combination of both (part rigid, part flexible). Size and shape of the tail should harmonize with the overall appearance of the cat. When palpated, the tail consists of a least 2 vertebrae with at least one kink or curve or any amount of combinations thereof. The direction of the tail is not important. NOTE: you need to GENTLY feel the tail to ascertain kinks and curves but do not try to straighten tail.

(6) BONING – Substantial

(5) MUSCULATURE – Well-muscled and firm.

II – HEAD TYPE (40)

(12) FULL FACE – Large, moderate wedge with rounded contours, wide at the cheekbone level. Allow for wider head and ear set on mature males.

(5) PROFILE – Flat to ever-so-slightly rounded forehead with a very slight dip at the eyes and a straight nose.

(7) MUZZLE – Rectangular muzzle, wider than long, slightly rounded with an obvious whisker break.

(2) CHIN – Rounded in profile.

(3) NOSE – Medium in length, broad and straight.

(5) EARS – Medium-sized, wide at the base, slightly tipped forward. Distance between the ears is equal to the width at the base of the ear. Ears are triangular in shape, rounded at the tips. Light to heavy furnishings depending on the coat length. Lynx tips allowed on ears.

(6) EYES – Moderately large, oval on top and round on bottom. Set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose, one eye width apart. Colour to be clear, brilliant, no relationship to coat colour.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (15)

(5) LENGTH – *Shorthairs* will have a short coat with a well developed top coat and little undercoat. The coat on the tail the same length as the body coat. *Longhairs* will have a medium length coat with well developed top coat and little undercoat. Britches, toe tufts and ruff desirable. Tail coat full and plumed.

(10) TEXTURE – Overall dense rather fine in texture. *Shorthairs* will have soft texture, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel. *Longhairs* will have a fine texture, laying flat.

IV – COLOUR (5)

(5) COAT COLOUR – All colours and patterns are allowed with or without white, EXCEPT the pointed pattern (with or without white) and the colours — chocolate, lilac, cinnamon and fawn in any form. Any amount of white is allowed. White lockets, buttons, or small spots located in other areas of the coat are allowed. There is no relationship between eye colour and coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The Kurilian Bobtail should give an overall impression of robust health.

OBJECTIONS

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| * Tail length that is more than 4" (actual length) or less than 2 vertebrae. | 3-5 |
| * Delayed bobtail effect. | 3-5 |
| * Slender or oriental in body or head type. | 2-3 |
| * Roman nose. | 1-2 |
| * Short hind legs. | 1-2 |

WITHHOLDS

- * Absence of a tail bone.
- * Deformations of the spinal vertebrae.
- * Any tail without a kink or curve.
- * Tails longer than 6 inches.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All Colours & Patterns with or without white accepted, EXCEPT the pointed pattern (with or without white) and the colours — chocolate, lilac, cinnamon and fawn in any form.

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

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