

BREED AMERICAN BOBTAIL/ AMERICAN BOBTAIL SHORTHAIR

GENERAL The American Bobtail is a medium to large, naturally occurring, bobtailed cat. It is a noticeably athletic animal, well muscled, with the look and feel of power. It possesses a unique natural hunting gaze that combines with the breed's body type and natural bobtail to give the American Bobtail a distinctive wild appearance. The breed's expression is one of intelligence and alertness. Females are generally proportionately smaller than males with type a more important aspect of the breed than size or tail characteristics.

HEAD	SHAPE	Broad modified wedge with gently rounded contours, without noticeable flat planes or doming. Cheekbones are apparent. Size in proportion to the body.
	EYES	Large. Almost almond in shape. Deep set. Outside corner angled slightly upward towards the outside edge of the ears. Medium-wide apart. Distinctive brow above the eye creates a top line to the eye and produces the breed's natural hunting gaze. Eye color has no relationship to coat color, except in Pointed, Minks, and Sepias.
	EARS	Medium to moderately large with slightly rounded tips and wide at the base. Placement should be as much on the top of the head as the side, following the shape of the wedge. Lynx tipping, furnishings and ocelli markings are desirable. Ears may appear pointed when lynx tipping is present.
	CHIN	Full in width and depth, aligns with nose.
	MUZZLE	Slightly wider than long, muzzle break at well-defined cheeks. Prominent whisker pads.
	NOSE	Wide, gently curved.
	BROW	Distinctive, evidenced by a slightly rounded forehead to eye ridge; brow border is fleshy creating and enhancing the top line of the eye.
	PROFILE	Gentle concave curve between nose and brow

BODY

TORSO

Moderately long and substantial with a rectangular stance. Chest full and broad. Back to be straight but not level, rising slightly toward hips. Hips almost as wide as chest. Deep flank. Muscular and athletic in appearance.

LEGS

In proportion to the body, of good length and substantial boning.

FEET

Large and round. Toe tufts are desirable in longhairs.

BONING

Substantial.

TAIL

Short, flexible and expressive and may be straight, slightly curved or slightly kinked or have bumps along the length of the tail. Tail set in line with the top line of the hip. Tail to be broad at base, strong and substantial to the touch, never fragile. Straighter tails should exhibit a fat pad at the end of the tail. The length of tail must be long enough to be clearly visible above the back when alert, may extend to the hock, but not past it.

MUSCULATURE

Substantial, firm and especially noticeable in males.

COAT COLOR PATTERN

TEXTURE

Miscellaneous-seasonal variations of coat should be recognized. Coat may be softer in texture in dilute colors, lynx points and silvers. Undercoat may be mouse gray in tabbies.

ABT: Semi-dense; texture nonmatting, resilient with slight loft. Density-double coat, hard topcoat with a soft, downy undercoat.

ABS: Ruff-slight, mutton chops desirable. Texture nonmatting, resilient. Density-double coat. Undercoat present, not extremely dense.

LENGTH

ABT: Medium-long, shaggy. Slightly longer hair on ruff, britches, belly and tail. Mutton chops preferred with long hair.

ABS: Medium-short, stands slightly away from the body. Hair may be slightly longer on belly.

PATTERN

Any genetically possible color or combination of colors is allowed. Preference shall be given to colors and patterns that enhance the natural wild appearance of the breed. High rufusing is desirable in all tabbies, including silvers, with no penalty for lack thereof. Body patterns highly desirable in lynx points and smokes.

RUFOUS: refers to a reddening of the coat color, especially the ground color in tabbies. The rufous factor changes the drab beige 'yellow' band of the tabby to a brilliant apricot; it changes the drab orange to a brilliant, rich red. It presents itself as a rich pale creamy color with golden to reddish pattern to a rich pale reddish color with golden to reddish pattern (it is not to be confused with chocolate or cinnamon genetics).

COLOR

All colors and patterns are recognized. Any amount of white is permitted. The description of colors is listed in the list of breeds' colors varieties.

PENALIZE

Tail too long or too short affecting the balance and appearance of the cat.
Tail kinked or knotted out of shape.
Tail rigid, fragile or set low.
Straight tail not exhibiting a fat pad.
Round eyes.
Extremely short muzzle or nose break.
Cottony coat.

DISQUALIFY

Total lack of tail or full-length tail.
Delicate bone structure.
Incorrect number of toes.

SCORE

Head
35 points

Shape 5
Ears 4
Eyes 7
Chin 7
Muzzle 6
Nose 2
Profile 4

Body
35 points

Torso 8
Legs & Feet 5
Tail 12
Boning 6
Musculature 4

Coat/Color/Pattern
20 points

Texture 6
Length 6
Color 8

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

Domestic Longhair/ Shorthair

