

BREED KURILIAN BOBTAIL/ KURILIAN BOBTAIL LONGHAIR

GENERAL The Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair (KBS) is a Natural Breed, domestic cat, that traces its ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula, Kuril Islands and the Island of Sakhalin. This cat has substantial boning and is known for its pom-pom like tail. The Kurilian Bobtail Longhair (KBL) is the semi-longhaired version of the breed. Novices are only recognized as documented import from the Kuril Islands.

HEAD	SHAPE	Large, in shape of a trapezium, rounded in contours. Wide at the cheekbone level.
	EYES	Walnut, oval on top and round on bottom. Set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose. one eye width apart, moderately large. Color to be clear, brilliant, no relation to coat color. White cats, vans and harlequins can have blue or odd eyes.
	EARS	Medium sized, wide at the base, slightly pricked forward. Rounded at the tips, and open at base. Set wide apart and medium high. Distance between the ears is equal to the width of one ear. Only KBL: with lynx-like tufts and long hair out of the ears.
	CHIN	Well-developed wide chin. A bit rounded in profile.
	MUZZLE	Rectangular muzzle, wider than long, slightly rounded.
	NOSE	A gentle dip from the forehead to the broad, medium long straight nose, without a definite stop.
	PROFILE	Flat to ever-so-slightly rounded forehead with a very slight dip at the eyes and a straight nose.
	BODY	TORSO
LEGS		Medium in length, strong, sturdy. Hind legs longer than forelegs. Legs almost form a square with the body.
FEET		Rounded.

BONING

Substantial.

TAIL

Composed of one or more kinks or curves or any combination thereof, appearing as a pom-pom or brush. **VISIBLE** tail length with the coat is from 3 cm to 8 cm for the shorthair and up to 13 cm for the semi- longhair. May be rigid or flexible or a combination of both (part rigid, part flexible). Size and shape of the tail should harmonize with the common appearance of the cat. When palpated, the tail consists of at least 2 vertebrae, with at least one kink or curve or any amount of combinations thereof. Palpated length of the tail is from 3 cm to 8 cm, counting length of kinks and curves. The tail can be described as “snag”, “spiral” or “whisk”. The direction of the tail is not important.

MUSCULATURE

Well-muscled and firm.

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN****TEXTURE**

KBS: Soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel, moderate undercoat.

KBL: Fine, silky, laying flat, moderate undercoat.

LENGTH

KBS: Short. Tail coat, same length as body coat.

KBL: Semi-long. Britches, toe tufts and ruff are desirable. Tail coat: full and plumed.

COLOR VARIETIES

The colors chocolate and cinnamon, as well as their dilution (lilac and fawn) are not recognized in any combinations (bicolor, tricolor, tabby). The pointed pattern is also not recognized. All other 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

Slender type.

Japanese bobtail type.

Extreme arch-like back not in harmony.

KBS: Tail length from 8 to 12 cm or less than 3 cm.

Only one vertebra in the tail.

Delayed bobtail effect.

DISQUALIFY

Deformities of the spinal vertebrae.
Absence of the tail bone.
Short straight tail without angles and curves.
Tail longer than 13 cm.

SCORE

Head
30 points

Shape 8
Ears 6
Eyes 5
Muzzle & Chin 5
Nose 3
Profile 3

Body
40 points

Torso 8
Legs & Feet 6
Tail 20
Boning 3
Musculature 3

Coat/Color/Pattern
20 points

Texture 10
Length 7
Color/ Pattern 3

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

None.

