

AMERICAN BOBTAIL BREED GROUP (BB/BH)

The **American Bobtail (BB)** is a medium to large, naturally occurring short-tailed cat.

The **American Bobtail Shorthair (BH)** is a shorthair version of the American Bobtail Breed.

HEAD 40 points
 Shape 5
 Ears 4
 Eyes 8
 Chin 7
 Muzzle 7
 Profile 6
 Nose 3

BODY 40 points
 Torso 10
 Legs 5
 Feet 3
 Tail 10
 Boning 7
 Musculature 5

COAT/COLOR 13 points
 Length 3
 Texture 5
 Pattern/Color 5

OTHER 7 points
 Balance 5
 Condition 2

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

None.

HEAD:

Shape: Broad modified wedge with gently rounded contours, without noticeable flat planes or doming. Size in proportion to the body.

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.

Eyes: Large, wide, almost almond in shape. Set on a slight bias.

Chin: Full, in alignment with the nose when viewed in profile

Muzzle: Should be almost as long as wide. Slight whisker break at welldefined

cheeks with full whisker pads, appears blunt when viewed in profile.

Profile: Gentle concave curve between nose and brow

Nose: Wide, gently curved.

BODY:

Torso Slightly longer in body than legs are tall. Muscular and athletic in appearance. Depth of flank. Back is to be straight, higher in hips.

Legs: In proportion to the body.

Feet: Large and round. Toe tufts are desirable in longhairs.

Tail: Short, with a minimum length of 1 inch actual bone. Tail should not extend past the hock

Boning: Heavy.

Musculature: Substantial and firm.

Males are heavily built with a muscular appearance. Females may be smaller and more feminine.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length (BB): Medium-long, shaggy. Slightly longer hair on ruff, britches, belly and tail. Mutton chops preferred with long hair. Seasonal variations of coat should be recognized.

Length (BH): Medium-short, stands slightly away from the body. Hair may be slightly longer on belly.

Texture: Resilient, all weather.

Pattern/Color: All patterns and colors allowed.

OTHER:

Balance: Muscular and wellproportioned.

Tail not too short nor overly long as to affect the natural balance of the cat. Excellence in one aspect is not to offset deficiency in another.

Condition: Overall impression should be that of an alert, active and athletic cat in superb condition.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The

American Bobtail is a medium to large, naturally occurring short-tailed cat which is a product of natural selection.

It is a hearty breed that has all the intelligence and skill that nature demands of her creatures. The American Bobtail displays the look of an athletic animal, well-muscled and solid, with the appearance of power. The breed should also be noted for an exceptional disposition and adaptability.

ALLOWANCES: Although straight tails are ideal, tail may be slightly knotted or kinked and also may be curled or hooked at the end, as long as the tail remains flexible where attached to the body. Ghost markings in lynx points, tarnishing on silvers, as well as lockets and buttons. Breed slow to mature, 2-3 years. Jowling in older males.

PENALIZE: Tail overly long, past the hock, or too short, less than 1 inch.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Evidence of illness, poor health, and emaciation.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): No tail, full-length tail, or docked tail.

* All breeds must to present a unchallenging temperament; the cat may show fear, seek to flee, or may complain aloud, but may not threaten to hurt. Any sign of definite threat shall disqualify. Disqualifications: a cat that bites, a cat that shows evidence to deceive, adult whole males with not two descended testicles, cats with parts or whole tail missing or with tails faults (except the approved breeds), polydactyl cats (except the approved breeds), crossed eyes, total blindness, smaller size for the breed, depression of the sternum or usually small diameter of the rib cage itself.