

## JAPANESE BOBTAIL BREED GROUP (JB/JL)

The **Japanese Bobtail (JB)** is a medium sized cat with short hair, long clean lines and bone structure.

The **Japanese Bobtail Longhair (JL)** is the longhaired version of this breed.

<b>HEAD</b> .....	30 points
Shape .....	7
Eyes .....	7
Ears .....	6
Chin .....	1
Muzzle .....	1
Nose .....	3
Profile .....	4
Neck .....	1
<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	7
Legs .....	6
Feet .....	1
Tail .....	16
Boning .....	5
Musculature .....	5

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b>	30 points
Length .....	5
Texture .....	5
Pattern/Color .....	20

**CATEGORIES:** All.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:**

None.

**HEAD:**

Shape: Almost equilateral triangle, gentle curves. Although the head appears long and finely chiseled, it forms an almost perfect equilateral triangle with gentle curving lines, high cheek bones and a noticeable whisker break.

Eyes: The eyes are large, oval, 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 beyond the cheekbone or the forehead.

Ears: The ears are large, upright and expressive. They are wide set, but at right angles to the head, rather than flaring, and give the impression of being tilted forward in repose.

Chin: In alignment with the end of the nose.

Muzzle: Fairly broad, rounding into noticeable whisker break. It is neither pointed nor blunt.

Profile: A gentle dip at or just below eye level.

Nose: The nose is long and welldefined by two parallel lines from the tip to the brow.

**BODY:**

Torso: Long, clean lines, straight and slender. When the cat is standing relaxed, the torso is nearly level, rather than rising toward the rear.

Legs: The legs are in keeping with the body, long, slender and high, but not dainty or fragile in appearance. The hind legs are noticeably longer than the forelegs, but deeply angulated. When standing, the cat's forelegs and shoulders form two continuous straight lines, close together.

Feet: Oval in shape.

Tail: The shape is straight or curved or angled; appears as pompom.

The tail is usually carried upright when the cat is relaxed. The hair on the tail is somewhat longer and thicker than the body hair, growing outward in all directions to create a pom-pom or bunny-tail effect. The pom-pom appears to commence at the base of the spine, and camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail. The tail bone is usually strong and rigid rather than jointed (except at the base), and may be either straight or composed of one or more curves and angles. The furthest extension of the tail bone from the body should be approximately 2 to 3 inches, even though it might be 4 or 5 inches long if it were straightened to its full length.

Musculature: Lean but shapely and well-muscled.

Boning: Slender; not dainty.

Medium; allowance should be made for females, as they can be smaller than males.

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

Length (JB): Medium. The coat is medium in length, soft and silky but without noticeable undercoat. It is relatively non-shedding.

Length (JL): The coat is medium-long to long, soft and silky without noticeable undercoat. May have a ruff. The coat will lie fairly flat and flow into "pantaloons" on the hind legs.

Texture: Soft and silky. No noticeable undercoat.

Color: Any color may predominate with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and vividly contrasting colors. Eye color may harmonize with coat color or may be odd-eyed.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Japanese Bobtail should present the overall impression of a medium-sized cat with long clean lines and bone structure. It is well-muscled, but straight and slender rather than massive in build. The unique set of its eyes, combined with high cheekbones and a long parallel nose, lends a distinctive Japanese cast to the face, especially in profile, which is quite different from the other Oriental breeds

**ALLOWANCES:** Locketts.

**PENALIZE:** Short, round head; cobby build.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Tail bone absent or extending too far beyond body; delayed bob-tail effect (the pom-pom being preceded by an inch or two of normal tail with close-lying hair, rather than appearing to commence at the base of the spine.)

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\* 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.