

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 well-defined 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 well-proportioned. 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.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.