PIXIEBOB BREED GROUP (PB/PL)

The **Pixiebob** (**PB**) is a domestic cat with a visual similarity to the North American Bobcat yet a loving, trusting, tractable nature. The **Pixiebob Longhair** (**PL**) is the longhaired version of this breed.

HEAD		 			40 points
Shape		 			5
Ears		 			5
Eyes		 			. 10
Nose .		 			5
Chin		 			5
Muzzle		 			5
Profile		 			5
BODY					40 points

BODY 40 points
Torso 10
Legs 5
Feet 5
Tail 5
Boning 7.5
Musculature 7.5

COAT/COLOR/PATTER2N points

Length .						3
Texture						5
Pattern .						6
Color						6

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Tabby.

COLOR: Brown Spotted Tabby.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

None

HEAD:

<u>Shape and Size</u>: Medium to large inverted wide pear; slightly rounded (convex) look.

Ears: Medium in height, wide, deep base. Set as much on side as on top of head, with slight outward tilt. Top of ear rounded with lynx tips preferred. Paler thumb prints on back of ears.

Eyes: Medium-sized, soft triangle. The heavy hooded bushy brow is one side of the triangle; the almost straight line downward on the inside corner of the eye (closest to the nose break), is the second side of the triangle and the bottom line of the eye, which slants upward toward the ear, is the third side of the triangle. Deep set, one eye-width apart, it is common for the Pixiebob to appear to be half asleep, gazing through partially closed eyes

. Appearance of heavy fur above eye (brow). Eye makeup, there must be a band of cream or white directly surrounding the eye. Mascara must follow the corner of the eye downwards to the cheeks. Gold to brown color preferred, Gooseberry Green accepted.

<u>Chin</u>: Well-developed, fleshy with coarse fuzzy fur, In alignment with the tip of the nose, depth of chin obvious.

<u>Muzzle</u>: Full broad muzzle with definite break, and depth. Fleshy whisker pads.

NOTE: Description of Nose/Muzzle/

Chin - Soft-sided diamond from bridge of nose to chin.

Nose: Wide, slightly convex, with large nose leather. Brick in color. Slight nose bump.

Profile: Slightly rounded forehead to eye ridge, slight concave curve from eye ridge to bridge of nose. **NOTE**: Nose/Muzzle/Chin are very important to the overall look of the Pixiebob and equal 15 points.

BODY:

Torso: Substantial and rangy, but with great depth. Medium to large in size. Females are proportionately smaller than males. Prominent shoulder blades producing a rolling gait. The back is not level, dip behind shoulder, upward slope slightly toward hips. Hips are medium width, prominent, slightly higher than shoulders with a long sloping croup to tail. The flank is deep and powerful, the chest is broad well-developed. Primordial belly pouch on both males and females.

<u>Legs</u>: Long with heavy boning and muscular.

Feet: Large, long and wide, almost round, with big knuckles and fleshy toes. Polydactyl allowed, seven toes maximum. Leg and wrist must be straight when viewed from the front. All toes must rest on the floor pointing forward. Foot must appear sound.

<u>Tail</u>: Articulated tail is desirable, however, kinks and curls are acceptable. Minimum of 2 inches in length, (approximately thumb length). Maximum to the hock, when hind leg is fully extended. Bone length determines the length of the tail. When relaxed, tail should be carried low.

<u>Musculature</u>: Heavy muscular build.

Boning: Heavy, dense boning.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length (PB): Short coat must stand up off the body. Dense belly hair is always longer than the rest of the coat.

Length (PL): Medium, under 2 inches. Semi-dense, belly hair is always longer than rest of coat.

<u>Texture</u> (PB): Soft and wooly, having loft. Is resilient to the touch.

<u>Texture</u> (PL): Soft, lying closer to the body than shorthair.

NOTE: For both coats, facial hair is full and brushy in appearance, having a downward growth pattern. Appearance of heavy fur above eyes. Coat separates easily and is weather resistant.

MISCELLANEOUS: Seasonal coat changes affect, color, length and depth in short and longhair varieties. Hot weather reduces all but the ground color, which is intensified, in summer season. Winter season will give coat a Frosted appearance.

PATTERN: Small spots with or without rosettes, (broken mackerel pattern allowed) greatly muted by heavy ticking. Random spotting preferred. Belly must be spotted. In the summer time, the pattern is more easily seen than in the winter, when it is muted out. Pattern is secondary to type.

COLOR: Light to medium shades of brown spotted tabby with warm/reddish tones preferred, broken mackerel (muted) spotting accepted. The agouti hair must have several bands of color. Wild hare appearance has a mandatory mouse base coat with reversed ticking having the lightest band at the top and ending in a darker band near the skin. Medium to dark brown bands for the spotting. Light bands at the tips of each hair giving a frosted appearance to the coat, heavier in the winter. Chin to belly to inner legs should be off white to creamy color with mouse gray base. Pale or light color belly to neck. Paw pads to the hocks, must be dark brown/black. End of tail should be dark brown/black. Coat Color is secondary to type.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The goal of the Pixiebob breeding program is to create a domestic cat with a visual similarity to the North American Bobcat. This wild look does not reflect the true nature of the cat, which is loving. trustworthy, and tractable. The Pixiebob comes in the shorthair and longhair varieties. Pixiebob has an inverted pearshaped head, heavily hooded eyes, strong muzzle and chin. Strong heavy muscular body with substantial boning, like the North American Bobcat. Females are proportionately smaller than the males.

ALLOWANCES: Polydactyl; seven toes maximum.

PENALIZE: Coat/belly coat too dark. Close short-lying coat. Coat too long on longhair. Head flat. Narrow Hips. Lacking a primordial belly pouch. White Locket. Deficient chin or brow. Tail not meeting standard. Cowhocking.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Lack of substantial boning/musculature, (fine boning). Any color/pattern not described in the standard. Lack of ticking or pattern through out coat. A ruff around the neck (longhairs). Round eyes.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Tail bone shorter than tip of thumb to first knuckle, (approximately 1 inch), and full length 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.

