

BREED JAPANESE BOBTAIL/ JAPANESE BOBTAIL LONGHAIR

GENERAL The Japanese Bobtail should present the overall impression of a medium sized cat with clear lines and bone structure, well muscled but rather elongated and rather slender than massive built. The unique set of its eyes, combined with high cheekbones and a long parallel nose, lend a distinctive Japanese cast to the face, especially in profile, quite different from the other oriental breeds. Its short tail should resemble a bunny tail with the hair fanning out to create a pom-pom appearance, which effectively camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail.

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

Large, oval rather than round, but wide open and alert. When viewed in profile set into the skull at a rather pronounced slant. The eyeball shows a shallow curvature and should not bulge out beyond the cheekbone or the forehead. Eye colour should harmonize generally with the coat colour; also valid for blue and odd eyes.

EARS

Large and expressive. Upright, set wide apart but at right angles to the head rather than flaring outward and giving 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.

NOSE

The nose is long and well-defined by two parallel lines from the tip to the brow.

PROFILE

A gentle dip at or just below eye level.

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 to bend when the cat is standing relaxed so that the torso remains nearly level rather than rising towards the rear. When standing, the cat's forelegs and shoulders form two continuous straight lines, close together.

FEET

Oval.

BONING

Slender; not dainty. Medium; allowance should be made for females, as they can be smaller than males.

TAIL

The furthest extension of the tailbone from the body should be approximately 5-8 cm, even though the tailbone, if straightened out to its full length, might be 10-13 cm long.

The tailbone is usually strong and rigid rather than jointed (except at the base), and may be either straight or composed of one or several curves and angles, appears as pom-pom. The tail is usually carried upright when the cat is relaxed.

Hair on tail somewhat longer and thicker than body hair, growing outward to create a pom-pom or bunny tail effect which appears to commence at the base of the spine and which camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail.

MUSCULATURE

Lean but shapely and well-muscled.

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN**

TEXTURE

Soft and silky. No noticeable undercoat.

LENGTH

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

JBL: 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.

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' colours varieties.

PENALIZE

Short round head.
Cobby built.

DISQUALIFY

Tail bone absent or extending too far beyond the body.
Lack of pom-pom or non-fluffy appearance
Delayed bobtail effect

SCORE

Head
30 points

Shape 8
Ears 6
Eyes 7
Muzzle & Chin 2
Nose 3
Profile 4

Body
40 points

Torso 7
Legs 6
Feet 1
Tail 16
Boning 5
Musculature 5

Coat/Color/Pattern
20 points

Texture 5
Length 5
Color/ Pattern 10

Others
10 points

Condition 3
Grooming 2
Balance 2
Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

None

