



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard AMERICAN BOBTAIL

American Bobtail POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape	10
(b) Brow	10
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	5
(e) Nose and profile	5
(f) Muzzle and Chin	10
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	15
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Tail	15
Coat Color and Pattern	10
Coat	10
Total	100

GENERAL:

The American Bobtail is a medium to large, naturally occurring, bobtailed cat. It is a noticeably athletic animal, well muscled, with the look and feel of power. It possesses a unique natural hunting gaze that combines with the breed's body type and natural bobtail to give the American Bobtail a distinctive wild appearance. The breed expression is one of intelligence and alertness. Females are generally proportionately smaller than males with type a more important aspect of the breed than size or tail characteristics.

HEAD

EYES	Large. Almost almond in shape. Deep set. Outside corner angled slightly upward towards the ears. Medium-wide apart. Distinctive brow above the eye creates a top line to the eye and produces the breed's natural hunting gaze.
NOSE & PROFILE	Wide, being equally as wide from the inside corner of the eye through the length of the nose into a large nose leather.
EARS	Medium. Wide at base with slightly rounded tips, wide-set, upright with a slight outward tilt. Ear tipping and furnishings highly desirable. Lighter colored thumbprints on the back of the ears



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	desirable on all tabbies including lynx points.
HEAD SHAPE	Broad modified wedge without noticeable flat planes or doming, in proportion to the body. Cheekbones are apparent. In profile slightly concave curve between nose and brow with good length between brow & ears. Widening of the head and stud jowls apparent in adult males.
BROW	Distinctive, evidenced by a slightly rounded forehead to eye ridge; brow border is fleshy creating and enhancing the top line of the eye.
MUZZLE & CHIN	Observable whisker break above a well defined broad medium length muzzle. Fleshy whisker pads. Chin strong and wide in line with the nose

BODY:

SHAPE	Moderately long and substantial with a rectangular stance. Chest full and broad. Slightly higher in hips with prominent shoulder blades. Hips substantial almost as wide as chest. Deep flank. Muscular and athletic in appearance. Allowance should be made for slow maturation.
LEGS & FEET	In proportion to the body, of good length and substantial boning. Paws large and round. Toe tufts desirable in longhaired varieties. Five toes in front, four in back.
TAIL	Is short, flexible and expressive and may be straight, slightly curved or slightly kinked or have bumps along the length of the tail. Tail set in line with the top line of the hip. Tail to be broad at base, strong and substantial to the touch, never fragile. Straighter tails should exhibit a fat pad at the end of the tail. Length – Must be long enough to be clearly visible above the back when alert, not to extend past a stretched hind hock in length, with no one length preferred.
NECK	Medium in length may appear short due to musculature.

COAT:

Shorthair Division: length-medium, semi-dense; texture non-matting, resilient with slight loft; density-double coat, hard topcoat with a soft, downy undercoat; miscellaneous-seasonal



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variations of coat should be recognized. Coat may be softer in texture in dilute colors, lynx points and silvers. Undercoat may be mouse gray in tabbies.

Longhair Division: length-medium-longhair, slightly shaggy. Tapering to slightly longer hair on ruff, britches, belly and tail; ruff-slight, mutton chops desirable; texture-non-matting, resilient; density-double coat. Undercoat present, not extremely dense; miscellaneous-seasonal variations of coat should be recognized. Coat may be softer in texture in dilute colors, lynx points and silvers. Undercoat may be mouse gray in tabbies.

COAT COLOR:

Any genetically possible color or combination of colors is allowed. Preference shall be given to colors and patterns that enhance the natural wild appearance of the breed. High rufusing is desirable in all tabbies, including silvers, with no penalty for lack thereof. Body pattern is highly desirable in lynx points and smokes.

RUFOUS: refers to a reddening of the coat color, especially the ground color in tabbies. The rufous factor changes the drab beige 'yellow' band of the tabby to a brilliant apricot; it changes the drab orange to a brilliant, rich red. It presents itself as a rich pale creamy color with golden to reddish pattern to a rich pale reddish color with golden to reddish pattern (it is not to be confused with chocolate or cinnamon genetics).

BUTTONS and LOCKETS: allowable on any color and/or pattern. Cats with buttons and/or lockets shall be judged as their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

CONDITION:

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

PENALIZE:

- ❖ Tail too long or too short affecting the balance and appearance of the cat.
- ❖ Tail kinked or knotted out of shape.
- ❖ Tail rigid, fragile or set low.
- ❖ Straight tail not exhibiting a fat pad.
- ❖ Round eyes.
- ❖ Weak chin.
- ❖ Extremely short muzzle or nose break.



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- ❖ Cottony coat.

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Total lack of tail or full-length tail.
- ❖ Delicate bone structure.
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.

AMERICAN BOBTAIL CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cat	Male Class	Female Class
Long hair Division		
Pedigreed	PABLM	PABLF
Supernova	SABLM	SABLF
Shorthair Division		
Pedigreed	PABSM	PABSF
Supernova	SABSM	SABSF

American Bobtail allowable outcross breeds: NONE