

## 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 well-defined 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 pom-pom. 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 "pantaloon" 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:** Lockets.

**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.)



*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.*