

AMERICAN BOBTAIL BREED GROUP (ABT/ABS)

The **American Bobtail (ABT)** is a medium to large, naturally occurring short-tailed cat. The **American Bobtail Shorthair (ABS)** is a shorthair version of the American Bobtail Breed.

HEAD	40 points
Shape	6
Ears	4
Eyes	8
Chin	7
Muzzle	7
Profile	5
Nose	3

BODY	40 points
Torso	10
Legs	5
Feet	2
Tail	10
Boning	8
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR	20 points
Texture/Length	12
Pattern/Color	8

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

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, almost almond in shape. Set at a slight bias to the ear. Eye color has no relationship to coat color, except in pointed, minks, and sepias.

Chin: Full in width and depth, aligns with nose.

Muzzle: Slightly wider than long, muzzle break at well-defined cheeks. Prominent whisker pads.

Profile: Gentle concave curve between nose and brow

Nose: Wide, gently curved.

BODY:

Torso: Moderately long and substantial with a rectangular stance. Chest full and broad. Back to be straight but not level, rising slightly toward hips. Hips almost as wide as chest. Deep flank. Muscular and athletic in appearance.

Legs: In proportion to the body, of good length and substantial boning.

Feet: Large and round. Toe tufts are desirable in longhairs.

Tail: Short, with a minimum length of 1 inch actual bone. May extend to the hock, but not past it.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Substantial, firm and especially noticeable in males.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Resilient, all weather. Double coat in both hair lengths.

(ABT) Medium-long, shaggy. Slightly longer hair on ruff, britches, belly and tail. Mutton chops preferred with long hair.

(ABS) Medium-short, stands slightly away from the body. Hair may be slightly longer on belly.

Color/Pattern: Ghost markings desirable in lynx points. Tarnishing on silvers not penalized.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The American Bobtail, native to North America, 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. Breed is slow to mature, taking 2-3 years.

LOCKETS: Allowed.

ALLOWANCES: Although straight tails are ideal, a 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. The actual bone of a kitten's tail may be shorter than the 1 inch required on adults. Seasonal variations of coats should be recognized.

PENALIZE: Tail overly long, past the hock. Eyes round.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): No tail, full-length tail, or docked tail. Tail with less than 1 inch of bone or fused and not flexible at base.



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.