

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

LONGHAIRS AND SHORTHAIRES ARE JUDGED AS TWO SEPARATE BREEDS.

The Japanese Bobtail is a medium sized cat with clean lines and bone structure. It is well-muscled but straight and slender rather than massive in build. The unique eye set combined with high cheekbones and a long parallel nose, give a uniquely Japanese look to the face, especially in profile. It should look quite different from other oriental breeds. The short tail resembles that of a rabbit with the hair fanning out in a pom-pom like effect which hides the bone structure of the tail.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (50)

(15) BODY – The body is medium in size. The torso is long, lean and elegant, not tubular, and shows well developed muscular strength without coarseness. There should be no inclination toward flabbiness or cobbliness. General balance is of utmost important. NOTE: ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE MADE FOR UNDEVELOPED BODY REFINEMENT IN YOUNG ADULTS.

(15) LEGS & FEET – Legs are in keeping with the body. They are long, slender and high, but not dainty or fragile in appearance. The hind legs are noticeably longer than the forelegs, but are deeply angulated to bend when the cat is standing relaxed so that the torso remains nearly level rather than rising toward the rear. When standing, the cat’s forelegs and shoulders form two continuous straight lines, close together. Paws are oval.

(20) TAIL – The tail is unique not only to the breed, but also to each individual cat. This is to be used as a guideline rather than promoting one specific type of tail out of the many that occur within the breed. The tail must be clearly visible and is composed of one or more curves, angles, or kinks or any combination thereof. The furthest extension of the tail bone from the body should be no longer than three inches. The direction in which the tail is carried is not important. The tail may be flexible or rigid and should be the size and shape that harmonizes with the rest of the cat. Tail hair is somewhat longer and thicker than the body hair, growing outward in all directions to create a pom-pom (a bunny tail), or a slightly open tail, the camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail. NOTE: EXCESSIVE MANIPULATION OF THE TAIL IS FORBIDDEN.

II – HEAD TYPE (20)

(5) FULL FACE – Although the head appears long and finely chiseled, it forms an almost perfect equilateral triangle (the triangle does not include the ears), with gentle curving lines, high cheekbones and a noticeable whisker break. The nose is long and well-defined by two parallel lines from tip to brow. The muzzle is fairly broad and rounds into the whisker break. The full face is neither pointed nor blunt.

(5) PROFILE – There is a gentle dip in the nose at or below eye level. The profile is neither pointed nor blunt.

(5) EARS – Ears are large, upright and expressive. They are set wide apart but at right angles to the head, rather than flaring outward. They give the impression of being tilted forward in repose.

(5) EYES – Eyes are large and oval, rather than round, but 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 out beyond the cheekbone or the forehead.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

SHORTHAIR: The coat is medium in length, soft and silky but without a noticeable undercoat.

LONGHAIR: The coat is medium-long to long with a soft and silky texture. There is no noticeable undercoat in the mature adult. A frontal ruff is desirable. The coat may be shorter and close lying over the shoulders, gradually lengthening toward the rump, with noticeable longer hair on the tail and rear britches. Ear and toe tufts are desirable. The coat should lie so as to accent the lines of the body.

IV – COLOUR (20)

Japanese Bobtail's traditional colour is the Mi-Ki (mee-kay) which is a tri-coloured cat (black, red and white). In bi-colours and tri-colours, any colour may predominate with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and vividly contrasting colours. In the solid colour cat, the coat should be uniform density and colour from the tip to the root of each hair and from the nose of the cat to the tail. Nose leather, paw pads and eye colour should harmonize generally with coat colour. Blue eyes and odd eyes are allowed. COLOURS THAT ARE POINT RESTRICTED (i.e., Siamese pattern) OR UN-PATTERNED AGOUTI (i.e. Abyssinian colouration) ARE NOT ALLOWED.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The cat should be well-muscled and balanced.

OBJECTIONS

- * Siamese or cobby type.
- * Short round head.

DEDUCT

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WITHHOLDS

- * Tail bone absent or extending too far beyond body.
- * Tail lacking pom-pom or fluffy appearance.
- * Delayed bobtail effect (i.e. – the pom-pom being preceded by an inch (2.5 cm) or more of normal tail with close-lying hair rather than appearing to commence at the base of the spine.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to the Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Japanese Bobtail (LH & SH)
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Japanese Bobtail (LH & SH)

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(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate colour/classification code)

MALE (Longhair)

JB 1

FEMALE (Longhair)

JB 2

MALE (Shorthair)

JB 3

FEMALE (Shorthair)

JB 4

EYE COLOUR: should harmonize with the predominate coat colour.

SOLID

BLACK	005XXX
BLUE	006XXX
CREAM	008XXX
RED	007XXX
WHITE (BLUE EYED)	001XXX
WHITE (COPPER EYED)	002XXX
WHITE (GOLD EYED)	068XXX
WHITE (GREEN EYED)	004XXX
WHITE (ODD EYED)	003XXX

SMOKE

BLACK SMOKE	005CXX
BLUE SMOKE	006CXX
BLUE CREAM SMOKE	013CXX
CAMEO SMOKE (red smoke)	010CXX
CREAM CAMEO SMOKE (cream smoke)	066CXX
TORTOISESHELL SMOKE	012CXX

TABBY/TORTIE

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY	006EXX
BLUE MACKEREL TABBY	006FXX
BLUE SPOTTED TABBY	006GXX
BROWN CLASSIC TABBY	025EXX
BROWN MACKEREL TABBY	025FXX
BROWN SPOTTED TABBY	025GXX
CREAM CLASSIC TABBY	008EXX
CREAM MACKEREL TABBY	008FXX
CREAM SPOTTED TABBY	008GXX
RED CLASSIC TABBY	007EXX
RED MACKEREL TABBY	007FXX
RED SPOTTED TABBY	007GXX
BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY	051EXX
BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY	051FXX
BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY	051GXX
CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY (red silver tabby)	010EXX
CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY (red silver tabby)	010FXX
CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY (red silver tabby)	010GXX
CREAM CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY (cream silver tabby)	066EXX
CREAM CAMEO MACK. TABBY (cream silver tabby)	066FXX
CREAM CAMEO SPOT. TABBY (cream silver tabby)	066GXX
SILVER CLASSIC TABBY	021EXX
SILVER MACKEREL TABBY	021FXX
SILVER SPOTTED TABBY	021GXX

BLUE PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY	006JEX
BLUE PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY	006JFX
BLUE PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY	006JGX
BROWN PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY	025JEX
BROWN PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY	025JFX
BROWN PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY	025JGX

BLUE SILVER PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY	051JEX
BLUE SILVER PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY	051JFX
BLUE SILVER PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY	051JGX
SILVER PATCHED CLASSIC TABBY	021JEX
SILVER PATCHED MACKEREL TABBY	021JFX
SILVER PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY	021JGX

BLUE CREAM	013XXX
TORTOISESHELL	012XXX

BI-COLOUR

The bi-colour pattern consists of a coat of colour/pattern with the addition of white. Ideally the 4 paws and legs, belly and chest are white, with white on the face and chin.

The occurrence of **blue-eyed or odd-eyed* bi-colour cats** is allowed. **To assign the eye colour, substitute** the first letter 'X' (which appears below) with either 'Y' for blue-eyed OR 'Z' for odd-eyed* colour. (i.e., **Black & White Blue-eyed** colour code would be 005MYX while the code for **Black & White Odd-eyed** would be 005MZX).

BLACK & WHITE	005MXX
BLUE & WHITE	006MXX
CREAM & WHITE	008MXX
RED & WHITE	007MXX

BLACK SMOKE & WHITE	005MXX
BLUE SMOKE & WHITE	006MXX
CAMEO & WHITE (red smoke & white)	010MXX
CREAM CAMEO & WHITE (cream smoke & white)	066MXX

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	006EMX
BLUE MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	006FMX
BLUE SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	006GMX
BROWN CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	025EMX
BROWN MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	025FMX
BROWN SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	025GMX
CREAM CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	008EMX
CREAM MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	008FMX
CREAM SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	008GMX
RED CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	007EMX
RED MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	007FMX
RED SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	007GMX

BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	051EMX
BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	051FMX
BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	051GMX
CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE (red silver)	010EMX
CAMEO MACKEREL & WHITE (red silver)	010FMX
CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE (red silver)	010GMX
CREAM CAMEO CLASS. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver)	066EMX
CREAM CAMEO MACK. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver)	066FMX
CREAM CAMEO SPOT. TABBY & WHITE (cream silver)	066GMX
SILVER CLASSIC TABBY & WHITE	021EMX
SILVER MACKEREL TABBY & WHITE	021FMX
SILVER SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	021GMX

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	006FVX
BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	006FVX
BLUE SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	006GVX
BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	025EVX
BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	025FVX
BROWN PATCHED SPOTTED TABBY & WHITE	025GVX
BLUE SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	051EVX
BLUE SILVER MACK. PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	051FVX
BLUE SILVER SPOT. PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	051GVX
SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY & WHITE	021EVX

SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. . . . 021FVX
 SILVER SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY & WHITE. 021GVX

BLUE CREAM & WHITE 013MXX
 TORTOISESHELL & WHITE. 012MXX

BLUE CREAM SMOKE & WHITE 013CMX
 TORTOISESHELL SMOKE & WHITE 012CMX

MI-KE (TRICOLOUR)

When registering the unpatterned Mi-Ke the dominant colour (i.e., blue or black) does **not** have tabby markings. Any tabby markings in the red or cream colour are to be ignored.

DILUTE MI-KE (blue, cream, white) 044XXX
 MI-KE (black, red, white) 043XXX

DILUTE MI-KE SMOKE 044CXX
 (blue smoke, cream smoke, white)
 MI-KE SMOKE 043CXX
 (black smoke, red smoke, white)

PATTERNED MI-KE (TRICOLOUR)

PATTERNED BROWN MI-KE (brown tabby, red, white) . 171XXX
 PATTERNED DILUTE MI-KE (blue tabby, cream, white). 172XXX

PATTERNED SILVER MI-KE 069XXX
 (silver tabby, red smoke, white)
 PATTERNED SILVER DILUTE MI-KE 173XXX
 (blue silver tabby, cream smoke, white)

VAN

BLACK VAN 005LXX
 BLUE VAN 006LXX
 CREAM VAN. 008LXX
 RED VAN. 007LXX

Tabby & Patched Tabby Vans do NOT require a specific tabby pattern as part of their code.

BLUE TABBY VAN 006WXX
 BROWN TABBY VAN 025WXX
 CREAM TABBY VAN. 008WXX
 RED TABBY VAN. 007WXX
 SILVER TABBY VAN 021WXX

BLUE CREAM VAN 013LXX
 TORTOISESHELL VAN 012LXX

OTHER JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLOURS / PATTERNS

Any other colour, pattern, or combination of colours and patterns EXCEPT point restricted (i.e. Siamese) or unpatterned Agouti (i.e., Abyssinian).