

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	BODY 40 points	COAT/COLOR	PERMISSIBLE
Shape 6	Torso 10	20 points	OUTCROSSES:
Ears 4	Legs 5	Texture/Length .12	Domestic longhair/
Eyes 8	Feet 2	Pattern/Color 8	shorthair, not a
Chin 7	Tail 10		member of a
Muzzle 7	Boning 8	CATEGORIES: All.	recognized breed.
Profile 5	Musculature 5	DIVISIONS: All.	
Nose 3		COLORS: All.	

HEAD:

Shape: Broad modified wedge with gently rounded contours, without flat planes or doming. Size in proportion to the body.

Ears: Medium to large with slightly rounded tips and wide at the base. Placement 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, substantial with a rectangular stance. Chest full and broad. Back straight, rising slightly toward hips. Hips almost as wide as chest. Deep flank. Muscular and athletic in appearance.

Legs: Medium long 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 marking desirable in lynx points. Tarnishing on silvers not penalized.

ALLOWANCES: 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 recognised. Lockets.

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.