



The **Japanese Bobtail (JB)** is a medium sized cat with short hair, long clean lines and bone structure. The **Japanese Bobtail Longhair (JBL)** is the longhaired version of this breed.

HEAD30 points

Shape 7

Eyes7

Ears 6

Chin 1

Muzzle 1

Nose 3

Profile 4

Neck 1

BODY 40 points

Torso 7

Legs 6

Feet 1

Tail 16

Boning 5

Musculature 5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 30 points

Length 5

Texture 5

Pattern/Color 20

CATEGORIES: All.
DIVISIONS: All.
COLORS: All.
PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Head appears long and finely chiseled but it forms an almost perfect equilateral triangle with gentle curving lines, high cheek bones and a noticeable whisker break.

Eyes: Large oval, wide and alert. They are set 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: Large upright and expressive ears. Set wide 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: 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 shaped.

Tail: 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 (JBL): 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 "pantaloons" 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.

ALLOWANCES: Lockets.

PENALIZE: Short, round head; cobby body.

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.)