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:  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.

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.
(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.

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