

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2011 BREED COUNCIL POLL

Total Members – 43

Ballots Received – 25

60% of Voting - 15

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

1. **PROPOSED:** change the total point allocations to include Body and Balance and Refinement as follows:

Current:

POINT SCORE

HEAD	20
TYPE.....	30
TAIL	20
COLOR and MARKINGS	20
COAT.....	10

Proposed:

POINT SCORE

HEAD	20
TYPE.....	30
<u>BODY</u>	<u>20</u>
TAIL	20
COLOR and MARKINGS	20 <u>10</u>
COAT.....	10
<u>BALANCE and REFINEMENT.....</u>	<u>20</u>

RATIONALE: Currently, our standard allots no points to Body, Legs and Leg Angulation – very important defining concepts in our breed. This should be corrected. The broad, general term TYPE should actually be the entire cat, and is composed of Head type, Body type (including legs and leg angulation), Tail type, Color and Markings, and Coat type, all considered together. The TYPE of the Japanese Bobtail is, therefore, worth 100 points in total and the various aspects of the total type are broken out as above.

Balance and Refinement have been added to denote the balance, elegance and refinement of the breed, which is the essence of the Japanese Bobtail breed. The new allocation for Balance and Refinement defines the picture of the total cat, where all aspects of the standard come together in a harmonious whole, with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature. A proposed description of Balance and Refinement – the overall type of our

breed – is to be added to the GENERAL DESCRIPTION of the Japanese Bobtail and is contained in proposal # 2.

Additionally, a major reason to make these changes now is that at the 2011 workshop where 75 judges were present, they unanimously voiced the opinion that we need to assign points to the Japanese Bobtail's body in our standard. The fact that we currently have no points allocated to Body in the Point Score gives the judges the impression that we as breeders do not place any importance on body type.

As part of the points reallocation, we discussed that currently there is a heavy allocation on Color and Markings. Since we do not want any one color or marking to be predominant over others, it seems that 20 points on Color and Markings was excessive. The points for Color and Markings would now become equal to the points for coat in this proposal.

YES: 18

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

- 2. PROPOSED:** Add to the GENERAL description of the Japanese Bobtail a description of the breed's overall type, it's balance, elegance and refinement as follows:

Current:

GENERAL: the Japanese Bobtail should present the overall impression of a medium sized cat with clean lines and bone structure, well-muscled but straight and slender rather than massive in build. The unique set of its eyes, combined with high cheek bones and a long parallel nose, lend a distinctive Japanese cast to the face, especially in profile, quite different from the other oriental breeds. Its short tail should resemble a bunny tail with the hair fanning out to create a pom-pom appearance which effectively camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail.

Proposed:

GENERAL the Japanese Bobtail should present the overall impression of a medium sized cat with clean lines and bone structure, well-muscled but straight and slender rather than massive in build. The unique set of its eyes, combined with high cheek bones and a long parallel nose, lend a distinctive Japanese cast to the face, especially in profile, quite different from the other oriental breeds. Its short tail should resemble a bunny tail with the hair fanning out to create a pom-pom appearance which effectively camouflages the underlying bone structure of the tail. Overall type, composed of balance, elegance and refinement, is the essence of the Japanese Bobtail breed. Taking all of the parts of the standard into account as a cohesive whole, the balance, elegance and refinement of the Japanese Bobtail creates an overall picture of the total cat, where all aspects of the standard come together in a harmonious whole, with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature.

RATIONALE: We are proposing to add Balance and Refinement to our point allocations in the Japanese Bobtail standard. The reason for this is to allot points for the overall type of the Japanese Bobtail. A description of what we mean by the overall type of the breed, its balance, elegance and refinement is needed as a guide for the judges in allotting these points.

The General description is the proper place to define what we consider to be the overall type of our Breed.

YES: __17__

NO: __6__

ABSTAIN: __0__

3. PROPOSED: Clarify the TAIL section of the standard.

Current:

TAIL: the tail is unique not only to the breed, but 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 of a size and shape that harmonizes with the rest of the cat.

Proposed:

TAIL: the tail is unique not only to the breed, but 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 vertebrae, with 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 of a size and shape that harmonizes with the rest of the cat.

RATIONALE: Clarify this section of the standard to indicate that the tail is composed of vertebrae which create the curves, angles, kinks or any combinations. At the CFA 2011 Annual Judges' Workshop, which was attended by 75 judges who indicated that the description of the tail would be more clear if the words "vertebrae, with" were inserted as above.

YES: __13__

NO: __11__

ABSTAIN: __0__

4. PROPOSED: Revise the COLOR section of the standard to remove the emphasis from (or preference for) any color or pattern over others and to add the dilute color description.

Current:

COLOR: in the bi-colors and tri-colors (MI-KE) any color may predominate with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and vividly contrasting colors. In the solid color cat the coat color should be of uniform density and color 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 color should harmonize generally with coat color. Blue eyes and odd eyes are allowed.

Proposed:

COLOR: No color or pattern is preferred over any other. ~~in~~ In the dominant colored bi-colors and tri-colors (MI-KE) any color may predominate with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and vividly contrasting colors. In the dilute colored bi-colors and tri-colors (MI-KE), any color may predominate, with preference given to soft, muted markings and gently contrasting colors. In the solid color cat the coat color should be of uniform density and color 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 color should harmonize generally with coat color. Blue eyes and odd eyes are allowed.

RATIONALE: At the time the original standard and color descriptions were written, mi-ke's and dominant colors were mostly what was seen in the show ring. Many breeders work with dilute colors, solids, parti-colors, and different patterns and colors of tabby. The COLOR description in our standard should be modernized to reflect this. Some judges have stated that they think the Japanese Bobtail breeders prefer the dominant colors because our standard does not speak about the dilute colors. This misconception needs to be rectified.

YES: 17

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

5. **PROPOSED:** Add “excessively heavy bone” to the PENALIZE section. Change to read as follows:

Current:

PENALIZE: short round head, cobby build.

Proposed:

PENALIZE: short round head, cobby build, excessively heavy bone.

RATIONALE: The Japanese Bobtail should be a refined cat and not have heavy bone.

YES: 16

NO: 7

ABSTAIN: 0

6. **PROPOSED:** Add the following phrase to the Disqualify Section: “tail bone extending more than 3 inches from the body.” Change to read as follows:

Current:

DISQUALIFY: tail bone absent or extending too far beyond body. Tail lacking in pom-pom or fluffy appearance. Delayed bobtail effect (i.e., 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).

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: tail bone absent or tail bone extending too far beyond more than 3 inches from the body. Tail lacking in pom-pom or fluffy appearance. Delayed bobtail effect (i.e., 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).

RATIONALE: To say “extending too far” leaves room for interpretation. Our standard states: “The furthest extension of the tail bone from the body should be no longer than three inches”; therefore, for clarity, we should specify this in our DISQUALIFY section.

YES: 20

NO: 3

ABSTAIN:

- 7. **PROPOSED:** Revise the current Japanese Bobtail Registration Rules and the Japanese Bobtail Standard to allow registration of certain colors/patterns in the AOV Class.

Current:

REGISTRATION RULES:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Tailed	
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DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Colorpointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Ticked tabby
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AND

JAPANESE BOBTAIL STANDARD:

JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS

(at the end of the existing color descriptions, currently following **OTHER SMOKE COLORS**)

Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, point-restricted (i.e. Siamese marking) or unpatterned agouti (i.e. Abyssinian coloring), or those colors with white.

AND

Japanese Bobtail Color Class Numbers

Longhair Division

AOV 6798 6799

Shorthair Division

AOV 6698 6699

Proposed

REGISTRATION RULES:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Tailed	
<u>Eff. 5/1/2012</u>	<u>Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby, point restricted colors, and pointed and white colors: Black (Seal) Point, Red Point, Cream Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac (Lavender) Point, Blue Point, Tortoiseshell Point, Blue-Cream Point, Smoke Point, Dilute Smoke Point, and all of these colors in lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-ke, Lilac (Lavender) Mi-ke.</u>

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Colorpointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Ticked tabby
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AND

JAPANESE BOBTAIL STANDARD:

JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS

(at the end of the existing color descriptions, currently following **OTHER SMOKE COLORS**)

AOV COLORS:

(Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby point restricted colors and pointed and white colors: Black (Seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), Blue, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smoke, and all of these colors in lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-ke, Lilac(Lavender Mi-ke.)

Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in ~~the colors chocolate, lavender, point restricted (i.e. Siamese marking) or unpatterned agouti (i.e. Abyssinian coloring), or those colors that color/pattern~~ with white.

Japanese Bobtail Color Class Numbers

Longhair Division

AOV 6798 6799

(Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these colors with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby point restricted colors, and pointed and white colors: Black (Seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), Blue, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smoke, and all of these colors in lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-ke, Lilac(Lavender Mi-Ke.)

Shorthair Division

AOV 6698 6699

(Colorpointed, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), any of these colors with white. Including but not limited to solid or tabby point restricted colors, and pointed and white colors: Black (Seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lilac (Lavender), Blue, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smoke, and all of these colors in lynx pattern. Also, all of these colors with white or colors with lynx pattern and white. Also solid Chocolate and solid Lilac (Lavender) or any colors genetically possible in the breed, such as (but not limited to) Chocolate Mi-ke, Lilac(Lavender Mi-Ke.)

RATIONALE: In order to track the occurrence of the pointed cats in our breed, colors need to be added to our AOV description. This proposal is to track these colors and register all kittens born in a Japanese Bobtail litter, rather than registering them in another association. Currently, these cats are occurring not just from our imports from Japan, but from cats that have 30 generations of American-bred cats. The pointed gene is shown in wood block prints and water colors of ancient Japan, and is a part of the breed history. This is a recessive gene. Unlike the original breeders of the Japanese Bobtail, many current breeders today wish to register these cats.

IMPORTANT NOTE: all cats in Japan came from Asia, and pointed cats are prevalent in all Asian countries. The street population in all of Japan contains many pointed cats. Some of

our pointed (and pointed and white) Japanese Bobtails are competing in other associations, and these colors have been accepted there since the Japanese Bobtail has been accepted as a breed. Because the pattern and colors have not been accepted previously in CFA, numerical figures cannot be produced. But like the Longhair gene, this recessive keeps appearing. Breeders report chocolate mi-ke's, pointed and whites, chocolate and white, and pointeds that have not been registered due to restrictions.

YES: __16__

NO: _8__

ABSTAIN: _0__

8. PROPOSED: Rename the 8 (eight) existing color classes and move the colors in the appropriate class and color description accordingly as follows:

1. Solid Colors
2. Black & White
3. Red & White, Red Tabby & White, Red Patterned & White
4. Other Bi-Colors
5. Mi-Ke
6. Other Mi-Ke Colors
7. Parti-colors
8. OJBC

The **JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS** will read as follow:

Current:

JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS

Solid Colors

WHITE: pure glistening white.

BLACK: dense, coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Shiny and free from any tinge of rust on tips.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red, the deeper and more glowing in tone the better.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. Sound from roots to tip of fur.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots.

BLACK AND WHITE.

RED AND WHITE/RED TABBY AND WHITE/RED PATTERNED and WHITE (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting): The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined, or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns.

OTHER TABBY AND WHITE/OTHER PATTERNED AND WHITE COLORS:

Brown Tabby and White, Blue Tabby and White, Cream Tabby and White, Silver Tabby and White, Dilute Silver Tabby and White, Cameo Tabby and White, Dilute Cameo Tabby and White. The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined, or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns.

MI-KE (tricolor): black, red, and white (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting).

OTHER MI-KE (tricolor) **COLORS:** Dilute Mi-ke (blue, cream and white); Patterned Mi-ke (areas of brown tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or tabby]); Dilute Patterned Mike (areas of blue tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Silver Patterned Mi-ke (areas of silver tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or tabby]); Smoke Mi-ke (black, red and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with black or red [red areas may be solid or tabby]. Cat in repose appears mi-ke. When the coat is parted, the white undercoat is clearly apparent).

TORTOISESHELL: black, red, and cream.

OTHER JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS (OJBC): include the following categories - “patterned” and patched tabby categories include any variety of tabby striping or spotting in a mackerel, spotted or classic pattern with or without areas of solid (unmarked) color, with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and rich, vivid coloring. The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

TABBY COLORS: Brown Tabby, Blue Tabby, Red Tabby, Cream Tabby, Silver Tabby.

PATCHED TABBY COLORS: Brown Patched Tabby, Blue Patched Tabby, Silver Patched Tabby.

OTHER PARTI-COLORS: Blue-Cream.

OTHER BI-COLORS: Blue and White or Cream and White.

OTHER PARTI-COLOR AND WHITE COLORS: Tortoiseshell and White or Blue-Cream and White.

OTHER SMOKE COLORS: Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream and any of these colors and white.

Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, point-restricted (i.e. Siamese marking) or unpatterned agouti (i.e. Abyssinian coloring), or those colors with white.

Proposed:

JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS

~~Solid colors~~

SOLID COLORS

WHITE: pure glistening white.

BLACK: dense, coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Shiny and free from any tinge of rust on tips.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red, the deeper and more glowing in tone the better.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. Sound from roots to tip of fur.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots.

BLACK AND WHITE

RED AND WHITE/RED TABBY AND WHITE/RED PATTERNED and WHITE: (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting). The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined, or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns.

~~OTHER TABBY AND WHITE/OTHER PATTERNED AND WHITE BI-COLORS:~~

Blue and White, Cream and White, Brown Tabby/Patterned and White, Blue Tabby/Patterned and White, Cream Tabby/Patterned and White, Silver Tabby/Patterned and White, Dilute Blue Silver Tabby/Patterned and White, Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White, Dilute Cream Cameo Tabby/Patterned and White. The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined, or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns. Black Smoke and White, Blue Smoke and White, Red Smoke (Cameo) and White, Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo) and White.

MI-KE (tricolor): black, red, and white (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting).

OTHER MI-KE (tricolor) **COLORS:** Dilute Mi-ke (blue, cream and white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Patterned Mi-ke (areas of brown tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or tabby]); Dilute Patterned Mike (areas of blue tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be solid or tabby]); Tortoiseshell and White; Blue Cream and white; Silver Patterned Mi-ke (areas of silver tabby and areas of red on white [red areas may be solid or cameo or cameo tabby]) ; Dilute Silver Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of blue silver tabby and areas of cream on white [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby]); Smoke Mi-ke (black, red and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with black or red [red areas may be ~~solid or~~ cameo or cameo tabby]); Dilute Smoke Mi-Ke (blue cream and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with blue or cream [cream areas may be cream cameo or cream cameo tabby]). Cat in repose appears mi-ke. When the coat is parted, the white undercoat is clearly apparent).

TORTOISESHELL: ~~black, red and cream.~~

PARTICOLORS:

TORTOISESHELL: ~~black, red and cream.~~ and red.

BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream.

OTHER JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS (OJBC): Include the following categories - “tabby/patterned” and “patched tabby/patched patterned” categories include any variety of tabby striping or spotting in a mackerel, spotted or classic pattern with or without areas of solid (unmarked) color, with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and rich, vivid coloring. The term “patterned” may be used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

TABBY/PATTERNED COLORS: Brown Tabby/Patterned, Blue Tabby/Patterned, Red Tabby/Patterned, Cream Tabby/Patterned, Silver Tabby/Patterned, Blue Silver Tabby/Patterned, Cameo Tabby/Patterned, Cream Cameo Tabby/Patterned.

PATCHED TABBY/PATCHED PATTERNED COLORS: Brown Patched Tabby/Patterned, Blue Patched Tabby/Patterned, Silver Patched Tabby/Patterned, Dilute Silver Patched Tabby/Patterned.

~~OTHER PARTI-COLORS: Blue-Cream.~~

~~OTHER BI-COLORS: Blue and White or Cream and White.~~

~~OTHER PARTI-COLOR AND WHITE COLORS: Tortoiseshell~~

~~and White or Blue-Cream and White.~~

~~**OTHER SMOKE COLORS:** Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke (Cameo), Cream Smoke (Cream Cameo), Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke and any of these colors and white.~~

Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, point-restricted (i.e. Siamese marking) or unpatterned agouti (i.e. Abyssinian coloring), or those colors with white.

RATIONALE:

This resolution is a necessary housekeeping of our color classes. It doesn't change, add or remove any accepted color in our breed but will provide a more logical and consistent organization of the colors. The present situation is very confusing, both for judges and Japanese Bobtail owners, as there is no consistency as how our color classes and color descriptions are organized. This amendment will provide better clarity and logic in our color classes and descriptions.

A few years ago new color classes were adapted to better reflect the colors that are shown. Therefore, all “not traditional” mi-ke (including dilutes and smokes) were merged together in a new “other mi-ke” class. This proposal does the same with all “and white” cats by renaming class 6692 to Other Bi-colors and transferring from OJBC all cats with white (i.e., smoke and white, blue and white, cream and white) into this class. Also, all solids were merged in one class but the parti-color class was forgotten and blue-creams stayed in the OJBC.

Finally, some color descriptions were forgotten and even though these colors do exist and are being shown, they are not described or listed in our standard. (Dilute smoke mi-ke or cameo Tabby/patterned for ex). Also, since the introduction of the term “patterned”, some of our colors descriptions need to be updated to match this new denomination.

YES: ___17___

NO: _7_____

ABSTAIN: ___0___

Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided and be RECEIVED in the Central Office by Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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