

KURILIAN BOBTAIL BREED GROUP (KB/KL)

The Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair (KB) is a Natural Breed, domestic cat, that traces its ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula, Kuril Islands and the Island of Sakhalin. This cat has substantial boning and is known for its pom-pom like tail. The Kurilian Bobtail Longhair (KL) is the semi-longhaired version of the breed.

HEAD 40 points

- Shape 10
- Eyes 5
- Ears 10
- Muzzle/Chin 9
- Nose/Profile 6

BODY 40 points

- Torso 9
- Legs/Feet 8
- Tail 15
- Boning 4
- Musculature 4

COAT/COLOR 20 points

- Length 7
- Texture 10
- Color/Pattern 3

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All traditional colors.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Large, moderate modified wedge with rounded contours, wide at the cheekbone level.

Eyes: Walnut, oval on top and round on bottom. Set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose. one eye width apart, moderately large. Color to be clear, brilliant, no relation to coat color. White cats, vans and harlequins can have blue or odd eyes.

Ears: Medium-sized, wide at the base, slightly sloped forward. Distance between the ears is equal to the width at the base of the ear. Ears are triangular in shape, slightly rounded at the tips. Light to medium furnishings.

Muzzle: Rectangular muzzle, wider than long, slightly rounded with an obvious whisker break.

Chin: Well-developed wide chin. A bit rounded in profile.

Nose: Medium in length, broad and straight.

Profile: Flat to ever-so-slightly rounded forehead with a very slight dip at the eyes and a straight nose.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to large, compact, semi-cobby. Chest is broad. Back may be slightly arched, rump slightly raised. Females may be noticeably smaller than males.

Legs: Legs medium in length, substantial. Hind legs are longer than front. Legs almost form a square with the body.

Feet: Rounded paws.

Tail: Composed of one or more kinks or curves or any combination thereof, appearing as a pom-pom or brush. VISIBLE tail length with the coat is from 1.5 cm to 8 cm [.59-3.15 inches] for the shorthair and up to 13 cm [5.12 inches] for the semi-longhair. May be rigid or flexible or a combination of both (part rigid, part flexible). Size and shape of the tail should harmonize with the common appearance of the cat. When palpated, the tail consists of at least 2 vertebrae, with at least one kink or curve or any amount of combinations thereof. Palpated length of the tail is from 1.5 cm to 8 cm [.59-3.15 inches], counting length of kinks and curves. The tail can be described as “snag”, “spiral” or “whisk”. The direction of the tail is not important.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled and firm.

COAT:

Length:

(KB): Short. Tail coat, same length as body coat.

(KL): Semi-long. Britches, toe tufts and ruff are desirable. Tail coat: full and plumed.

Texture:

(KB): Soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel, moderate undercoat.

(KL): Fine, silky, laying flat, moderate undercoat.

Color: All traditional colors accepted. Any amount of white is allowed, including but not limited to: blaze, lockets, chest, belly or paws on any accepted coat color.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Kurilian Bobtail is a naturally occurring bobtailed cat with substantial boning exhibiting a compact semi-cobby body. The impression one gets when viewing the Kurilian Bobtail is one of strength and power. This breed is known as an amazing hunter and fish catcher. They are affectionate and active, and must be in the company of their people.

ALLOWANCES: Standard favors the male. Allowance MUST be made for size difference between the male and female. Breed is slow to mature. Allow for wider head and ear set on mature males. Lynx tips allowed on ears. Allow up to 12 cm [4.72 inches] palpated length for “snag” or “spiral” tails, counting length of all kinks and curves, if visible length is no longer than 8 cm [3.15 inches] for shorthair or 13 cm [5.12 inches] for semi-longhair.

PENALIZE: Tail length that is more than 4 inches [actual length] or less than 2 vertebrae. A Delayed Bobtail effect. Extremely arched back.

Slender or oriental in body type and head type. Roman nose. Short hind legs.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Absence of a tailbone. Deformations of the spinal vertebrae. Any tail without a kink or curve. Tails longer than 6 inches.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.