

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.**  
**2009 BREED COUNCIL POLL**

**JAPANESE BOBTAIL**

Total Members: 38  
 Ballots Received: 18  
 60% of Voting: 11

**1. PROPOSED:** Add the terminology “patterned” to color descriptions Red & White/ Red Tabby & White and Other Tabby and White Colors: Brown Tabby and White, Blue Tabby and White, Cream Tabby & White, Cameo Tabby and White, Dilute Cameo Tabby & White.

**Current**

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**Proposed**

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**YES: 13      NO: 5**

**RATIONALE:** The “pattern” designation is for tabby-patterned cats that we are unable to identify the type of tabby, i.e. either hidden by white or for example, two types of pattern on one cat, one side spotted and one side mackerel. Adding the term “patterned” to Class 6762/6763 and 6662/6663 Red & White and Red Tabby & White and Class 6792/6793 and 6692/6693 Other Tabby and White Colors will resolve this problem.

**2. PROPOSED:** in the color section of the standard remove “In the bicolors and tricolors (Mi-Ke) any color may...Blue eyes and odd eyes are allowed.” And replace with sentence as indicated below.

**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.

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All eye colors are allowed, including green, gold, blue, odd and crackle eyes (sectoral/partial heterochromia).

**YES: 8      NO: 10**

**RATIONALE:** There should not be a preference for one color over another. All colors should be equal. We accept gold, green, blue and odd eyes. The only reference to eye color is in this part of the standard and it only mentions blue and odd eyes. This tends to give the impression that the blue and odd eyed cats are unique.

**3. PROPOSED:** define and register Japanese Bobtail AOV colors (both longhair and shorthair) as follows:

AOV: 6698/6699 (Shorthair) and 6798/6799 (Longhair)  
 Point restricted colors and Pointed and White Colors: Black (seal), Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lavender, Blue, Tortieshell, Blue Cream, Smoke, Dilute Smokes and all of these Colors in Lynx Pattern and White.

**YES: 10      NO: 8**

**RATIONALE:** in order to track the occurrence of the pointed in our breed on the above colors and patterns they need to be listed under AOV colors. Currently, these cats are occurring not just from our imports from Japan but cats that have 30 generations of American bred cats. This is a recessive gene. Unlike the breeders of the Japanese Bobtail in the 70's, many current breeders today wish to register these cats. The pointed gene is shown in woodblocks of ancient Japan and is a part of the breed history. All cats in Japan came from Asia and pointeds 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, numerical figures cannot be produced. But like the Longhair gene, this recessive keeps appearing. Breeders report chocolate mi-kes, pointed and whites and pointeds that have not been registered due to restrictions. We would like to be able to track the occurrence of these cats with AOV registration numbers and currently are unable to do so. Defining these colors as occurring within the AOV list will permit them to be registered and tracked.