



The Kurilian Bobtail is medium to large in size, brawny with substantial boning, a strong cat, well muscled possessing a wild appearance. The haircoat length can be either short or medium long. Males can weigh as much as 15 pounds with females generally smaller weighing between 8 and 11 pounds. However, the appearance of the Kurilian Bobtail is not indicative of it's disposition. They are a gentle breed with a well balanced character and a trusting and outgoing personality. Able to "go with the flow" they adapt well to children and other pets. The Kurilian Bobtail is clever, inquisitive, highly intelligent, very people oriented and love to be caressed by their owners. They can jump to great heights and take to the highest available spot to survey all that is in their domain. They tend to be non-verbal except for a few musical trills that sound more like bird songs than cat calls.



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## **Kurilian Bobtail**



The Kurilian Bobtail is a natural breed that traces its origins and ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula, the island of Sakhalin and the Kuril Islands. The Kuril Islands being an archipelago of approximately 56 volcanic islands, stretching 700 miles between the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka and the Japanese island Hokkaido, separating the Sea of Okhotsk from the Pacific Ocean. These bobtailed cats have been documented on the Russian Islands for over 200 years. They were first brought to the Russian mainland in the middle of the 20th century by scientists or members of the military. They are very popular in Russia for their mousing abilities. In the wild they are known to hunt in packs like wolves and are avid swimmers and Fisherman.

## Standard

### General:

The Kurilian Bobtail is a Natural Breed, that traces its ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula.

### HEAD:

#### Shape:

Large, moderate modified wedge with rounded contours, wide at the cheekbone level with a flat plane between the ears.

#### Eyes:

Moderately large, 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 And Whites can have blue or odd eyes.

#### Ears:

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

#### Muzzle:

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

#### Chin:

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:

#### Shape:

Medium to large, semi-cobby. Chest is broad. Back is arched, rump is raised. Shows depth of flank.

Females may be noticeably smaller than males.

#### Legs:

Legs medium in length, substantial. Hind legs are longer than front.

#### Feet:

Rounded paws

#### Tail:

Composed of one or more kinks or curves or any combination thereof, appearing as a pom-pom or brush. 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 combination thereof. The direction of the tail is not important.

#### Boning:

Substantial.

#### Musculature:

Well-muscled and firm.

### COAT:

#### Shorthair:

##### Length:

Short, with well developed top coat and little undercoat.

**Tail coat:** Same length as body coat.

##### Texture:

Overall dense rather fine, soft, lying flat, resilient without a plush feel.

### Longhair:

#### Length:

Medium with well developed top coat and little undercoat. Britches, toe tufts and ruff are desirable.

**Tail coat:** Full and plumed.

#### Texture:

Overall dense, fine laying flat.

### COLOR:

All colors and patterns accepted by ACFA except Chocolate, Cinnamon, Lilac, Fawn, Sepia, Mink and Pointed. Any amount of white is allowed, including but not limited to blaze, lockets, chest, belly or paws on any accepted coat color.

### 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.

### PENALIZE:

Tail length that is more than 4 inches [actual length] or less than 2 vertebrae.  
A Delayed Bobtail effect.  
Slender or oriental in body type and head type.  
Roman nose.  
Short hind legs.

### WITHHOLD:

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