



# THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

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## The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2018 BREED COUNCIL POLL

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### AMERICAN BOBTAIL

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#### 1. PROPOSED: Reallocate points assigned to features as follow:

##### Current:

##### POINT SCORE

##### HEAD (40)

Shape .....	9
Brow .....	8
Eyes .....	5
Nose .....	5
Muzzle/Chin .....	8
Ears .....	5

##### BODY (40)

Shape .....	15
Neck .....	5
Legs & Feet .....	5
Tail .....	15

##### COAT and COLOR (20)

Texture/Density .....	10
Color .....	5
Pattern .....	5

##### Proposed:

##### POINT SCORE

##### HEAD ~~(40)~~(45)

Shape .....	9
Brow .....	8
Eyes .....	<u>5</u> 10
Nose .....	5

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Muzzle/Chin ..... 8  
Ears ..... 5

**BODY (40)**

Shape ..... 15  
Neck..... 5  
Legs & Feet ..... 5  
Tail ..... 15

**COAT and COLOR ~~(20)~~(15)**

Texture/Density ..... 10  
Color/Pattern..... 5  
~~Pattern..... 5~~

**RATIONALE:** The unique eye shape of this breed and its hunting gaze are two of its most defining features. Because of allowances in color and pattern (i.e. making rufousing and patterned lynx points/smokes highly desirable but not penalizing for lack thereof), we feel this change would put proper emphasis on things that are more important to the essence of the breed.

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PROPOSED:** Modify eye description as follows:

**Current:**

**Eyes** – Large. Almost almond in shape. Deep set. Outside corner angled slightly upward towards the ears. Medium-wide apart. Distinctive brow above the eye creates a top line to the eye and produces the breed’s natural hunting gaze

**Proposed:**

**Eyes** – Large. Almost almond in shape. Deep set. Outside corner angled slightly upward towards the outside edge of the ears. Medium-wide apart. Distinctive brow above the eye creates a top line to the eye and produces the breed’s natural hunting gaze.

**RATIONALE:** This was brought up during the judges’ workshop on the American Bobtail and we felt that it had a lot of merit. It would completely change the look of the cat if its eye was angled slightly upward towards other places of the ear. This clearly defines which part of the ear we’d like to see the eye angled towards.

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. PROPOSED:** Extend the American Bobtail allowable outcross to domestic shorthair to 2030.

**Current:**

American Bobtail allowable outcross breeds: The single registration of domestic shorthair or longhair cats with a natural bobtail is acceptable upon written approval of the American Bobtail Breed Council Secretary, CFA Breeds and Standards Chairperson, and one CFA Allbreed judge. This shall apply to cats/kittens born between 1/1/02 and 1/1/2020. No tailless cats to be used in the American Bobtail breeding program. Absolutely no recognized breeds or wild blood to be permitted in the American Bobtail breeding program.

**Proposed:**

American Bobtail allowable outcross breeds: The single registration of domestic shorthair or longhair cats with a natural bobtail is acceptable upon written approval of the American Bobtail Breed Council Secretary, CFA Breeds and Standards Chairperson, and one CFA Allbreed judge. This shall apply to cats/kittens born between 1/1/2002 and 1/1/~~2020~~2030. No tailless cats to be used in the American Bobtail breeding program. Absolutely no recognized breeds or wild blood to be permitted in the American Bobtail breeding program.

**RATIONALE:** We have lost many American Bobtail breeders since our acceptance into CFA. We feel extending this outcross period is crucial to keeping our breed's genetic diversity at a healthy level.

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4, **Question:** Do you feel the acceptance of the Toybob would be detrimental to the American Bobtail?

**RATIONALE:** The American Bobtail breed feels this breed is too similar to our own as we have a high instance of pointed cats shown, and often see a similar tail length as the Toybobs in our show cats.

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMERICAN BOBTAIL BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT**  
**For the Term May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021**

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Candidates for Breed Council Secretary are listed below. Please vote for only one candidate.

Be sure to enter in the space allocated the date, your signature (unsigned ballots will not be counted) and mail to CFA, 260 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601. Completed Breed Council Questionnaires must be RECEIVED in the Central Office by Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Ballots received via fax are NOT acceptable.

Ballot for the Election of  
**AMERICAN BOBTAIL**  
**Breed Council Secretary**  
For the Term May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021

- Shelby Friemoth  
San Diego, California
  
- Abstain

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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