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

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration as follows: **NOTE:** If #1 passes, disregard #2.

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	5 generations	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	5 generations	Date:	
Date: 2/19	3 generations	Date:	

RATIONALE: Since we allow registrations from the streets of Japan and the Kuriles this policy of requiring 5 generations doesn't make sense. Other associations do not allow registrations of the street cats. In reviewing other CFA breeds that allow imports from country of origin there are variations. For example, the Turkish Angora only requires a 3 generation pedigree from other associations. 3 generations will also assure that street cats registered by TICA on judges' approvals will have at least a 3 generation of registered JBTs. More importantly, we can encourage FIFe registered cats to register CFA. FIFe only produces 4 generation pedigrees, so currently a FIFe registered cat would require 2 pedigrees, one for each parent to make the 5 generations.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

2. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration as follows: **NOTE:** If #1 passes, disregard #2.

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Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	5 generations	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

Proposed:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	5 generations	Date:	
Date: 2/19	4 generations	Date:	

RATIONALE: Since we allow registrations from the streets of Japan and the Kuriles, requiring 5 generations doesn't make sense as most other associations do not allow registrations of the street cats. In reviewing other breeds that allow imports from country of origin, the Turkish Angora only requires a 3 generation pedigree from other associations. Four generations will also assure that street cats registered by TICA on judges' approvals will have at least 3 generations of registered JBTs. More importantly, we can encourage FIFe registered cats to register CFA. FIFe only produces 4 generation pedigrees, so currently a FIFe registered cat would require 2 pedigrees, one for each parent, to make the 5 generations.

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

3. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration to remove the prohibition on **TICKED TABBY** as follows:

Current:

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

Ticked Tabby		

Proposed:

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

Ticked Tabby		
NONE		

RATIONALE: The majority of BC members at the meeting felt this should be removed since we now have the term "Patterned" for our tabbies available. There was no discernable reason for leaving this prohibition. Since JBTs are street cats, all colors should be allowed.

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

4. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Japanese Bobtail Registration Prefixes (BCS Codes) as follows: Below are the color prefixes as they appear on the CFA Website and Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration. Request Central Office to add/change the Registration Prefix color

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descriptions to 1) match our standard and color classes. Rather than printing both Longhair and Shorthair lists, only shorthair is presented. The Longhair prefixes are identical EXCEPT the prefix is 67XX. Deletions are lined out and additions are underlined.

Registration Prefixes (BCS Codes):

0036 JAPANESE BOBTAIL FOR BREEDING ONLY
6600 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLUE-EYED WHITE
6602 JAPANESE BOBTAIL COPPER-EYED WHITE
6604 JAPANESE BOBTAIL ODD-EYED WHITE
66?? JAPANESE BOBTAIL WHITE All other eye colors, i.e. green, gold, hazel
6606 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLUE
6608 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLACK
6610 JAPANESE BOBTAIL RED
6612 JAPANESE BOBTAIL CHOCOLATE
6614 JAPANESE BOBTAIL LILAC (~~LAVENDER~~)
6618 JAPANESE BOBTAIL DILUTE MI-KE
6628 JAPANESE BOBTAIL ~~DILUTE~~ BLUE SILVER TBY/PATTERNED-WHT
6630 JAPANESE BOBTAIL SILVER PATTERNED MI-KE
6634 JAPANESE BOBTAIL SMOKE MI-KE
66?? JAPANESE BOBTAIL OTHER MI-KE TRI-COLORS
6636 JAPANESE BOBTAIL SILVER TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6638 JAPANESE BOBTAIL DILUTE SMOKE MI-KE
6640 JAPANESE BOBTAIL RED TABBY/PATTERNED
6642 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BROWN TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6644 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BROWN TABBY/PATTERNED
6646 JAPANESE BOBTAIL TORTOISESHELL
6648 JAPANESE BOBTAIL MI-KE TRI-COLOR
6650 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLUE-CREAM
6652 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLUE TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6654 JAPANESE BOBTAIL CREAM CAMEO TBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6656 JAPANESE BOBTAIL CREAM TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6658 JAPANESE BOBTAIL DILUTE SLVR PATT MI-KE
6660 JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLACK-WHITE
66?? JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLUE-WHITE
6662 JAPANESE BOBTAIL RED-WHITE & RED TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
66?? JAPANESE BOBTAIL CREAM - WHITE
6666 JAPANESE BOBTAIL CAMEO TABBY/PATTERNED-WHITE
6670 JAPANESE BOBTAIL POINTED
6672 JAPANESE BOBTAIL POINTED-WHITE
66?? JAPANESE BOBTAIL BLACK SMOKE-WHITE
6684 JAPANESE BOBTAIL OTHER BI-COLOR
6686 JAPANESE BOBTAIL PATTERNED MI-KE
6688 JAPANESE BOBTAIL DILUTE PATTERNED MI-KE
6690 JAPANESE BOBTAIL OTHER COLORS
6698 JAPANESE BOBTAIL AOV

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RATIONALE: The current information does not match our standards and show rules. Listed below are the reasons for adding additional colors not represented and color descriptions changes. The addition of the colors requested will help our pedigrees information.

Changes in color descriptions:

- The term Lavender has been removed from our standard.
- The term Dilute Silver has been removed from our standard, it is now Blue Silver
- The term Dilute Cameo has been removed from our standard, it is now Cream Silver
- The term “Patterned” is part of our standard and should be listed behind “Tabby.” This addition will help the registrars and newcomers. We have often had the registrars use the wrong description and color prefix in our registrations because of this.

Additional Color Prefixes:

- Other Mi-ke Colors, we have added many other mi-ke colors due to the addition of the pointed colors such as chocolate and lilac. We have Chocolate Mi-kes, Lilac Mikes and their variations of Smoke and Patterned.
- Adding Blue-White and Cream-White. We have prefixes for the tabby versions of these colors and it makes no sense for the solids not to have a prefix.
- Adding Black Smoke-White prefix. These are the majority of our bicolor smoke colors.
- Adding another White description. Green-eyed or gold-eyed whites are current registered under copper eyed white prefix which is inaccurate.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

5. **PROPOSED:** Make the following revisions to the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration under the heading of **BREED NOTES:** Revise the description on **IMPORTS.**

Current:

Imports from Japan may be registered with unknown or unregistered parents. Two photos of the cat should be submitted and kept with the application. The OK of the Breed Council Secretary is required. Proof of import, including travel documents, is required for cats residing outside of Japan.

Proposed:

Imports from Japan may be registered with unknown or unregistered parents. Two photos of the cat ~~should~~ must be submitted and kept with the application. The tail must be visible in one photo. ~~The OK of the Breed Council Secretary is required.~~ All cats regardless of country of residence out of unknown parents or unregistered parents must be approved by the Breed Council Secretary for registration. ~~Proof of import, including travel documents, is required for cats residing outside of Japan.~~ Cats that have been exported from Japan to other countries require proof of origin, including travel documents.

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RATIONALE: The breed council has always asked for photos of imports from Japan, but current members believe it should be a requirement, not a request. It is also important that an import have some sort of “bobbed” tail. The tail is not required to meet the standard, but at least be shortened. We also learned that many “street cats” in Japan were registered by Central Office without the approval of the last Breed Council Secretary. Regardless if the request is from a Japanese resident, it must be approved by the BC Secretary.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

6. **PROPOSED:** Make the following revisions to the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration under the heading of BREED NOTES:

Current:

Vans are registered as Bi-colors, not as “other” colors. The word “van” should be added to the cat’s record after the registration number has been assigned.

Proposed:

~~Vans are registered as Bi colors, not as “other” colors. The word “van” should be added to the cat’s record after the registration number has been assigned.~~

RATIONALE: No current members at our Breed Council meeting knew how or why this phrase was added. The council was very perplexed how this came about or accepted since we have never had the term “Van” in our standard. The members at the meeting agreed the term was not appropriate for our breed. Why would CFA Central Office want extra work?

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

7. **PROPOSED:** Make the following revisions to the Japanese Bobtail Rules of Registration under the heading of BREED NOTES:

Current:

2/04 Imported Bobtails from the Kurile Islands were accepted for registration as Japanese Bobtails instead of recognizing them as a separate breed.

Proposed:

2/04 Imported Bobtails from the Kurile Islands were accepted for registration as Japanese Bobtails instead of recognizing them as a separate breed. Procedure for acceptance is the same as cats from other Japanese islands. Registrations of Kuriles from other registries with a generational pedigree as stated in our Rules of Registration will be accepted as Japanese Bobtails if the pedigree contains no other breeds. These cats will be registered with the prefix “FOR BREEDING ONLY”.

RATIONALE: The same tail mutation exists in the cats tested from both “breeds” by Leslie Lyons, PhD, Gilbreath-McLorn Endowed Professor of Comparative Medicine, Department

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of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri - Columbia. Following link is article regarding tails.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27030474>

Besides this scientific evidence, historically the Kurile Islands were part of the Japanese Empire for more than a thousand years. The southern-most Kurile Island can be seen from Hokkaido, the northern most Japanese island, with the naked eye. For over a millennium, the fishermen of Japan carried cats on their boats and sailed among all of the islands. The Kuriles were all Japanese owned until 1945 (after WWII) and they are still in negotiations today to reclaim the islands. It wasn't until the late 1990's that people in Russia claimed Kuriles as a separate breed. Up until that time, the World Cat Federation registered Kuriles as Japanese Bobtails. A breeder in Moscow, Marina Denisova, imported Kuriles Cats as Japanese Bobtails. This is not an outcross since the tail gene is the same.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

8. **Question:** Do you feel the acceptance of the Toybob would be detrimental to the Japanese Bobtail?

RATIONALE: From the material presented from the ToyBob request, the overall look of the Toybob resembles the Japanese Bobtail and we feel there would be confusion. Also, since the Toybob is allowed in all colors, the resemblance is stronger. We would request a DNA Study on the tail to see if it is the same gene as any of the other CFA-accepted breeds with unique tail genes. Dr. Leslie Lyons has done tail studies of the Japanese Bobtail, American Bobtail and Manx and found distinct genes.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

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

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
JAPANESE BOBTAIL
Breed Council Secretary
For the Term May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021

- Marianne Clark
Beavercreek, Oregon

- Abstain

Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided or completed online and be RECEIVED in the Central Office by Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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