



MORPHOLOGICAL TYPES

Though cats do not show great variations in size, breeders' work and selection have led to a wider differentiation between cat breeds on a morphological aspect. This variability compared to the average type, represented by the European cat, allows to classify cat breeds according to the morphological types described in each breed's standard. These morphological types are associated with the general building of the animal.

There are 4 major morphological types:

1) **Brevilineal or cobby type:**

Brevilineal or cobby type is characterized by a massive body, short and powerful, a strong boning, a thick and rather short neck, a short and thick tail, a head that is round when seen from the front with a concave profile and round feet.

2) **Mediolineal type:**

Mediolineal type is characterized by a rectangular body, a solid boning without excess, a slender yet strong neck, a medium long tail, an intermediate and harmonious head, round or oval feet.

Anglo-Saxon terminology has refined that description by dividing it into three categories:

- **Semi-cobby**
Body slightly longer than the cobby body with strong boning.
- **Semi-foreign**
Long and elegant body with strong boning.
- **Foreign**
The lighter of mediolineal types. The general structure is slender and elegant without extreme aspect.

3) **Longilineal or oriental type:**

Longilineal or oriental type is characterized by a long and tubular body, with fine boning, a long neck, detached from the body, a long and thin tail, a triangular head when seen from the front with a convex or straight profile and oval feet.

4) **Long and powerful type:**

Long and powerful type can be distinguished from other types by a long as well as powerful body with strong boning.



BREEDS BY MORPHOLOGICAL TYPE

COBBY	SEMI COBBY	SEMI FOREIGN	FOREIGN	ORIENTAL	LONG & POWERFUL
BOMBAY/ AMERICAN BURMESE MANX/ CYMRIC PERSIAN/ EXOTIC SHORTHAIR	AMERICAN BOBTAIL AMERICAN SHORTHAIR AMERICAN WIREHAIR BRITISH CEYLON CHARTREUX DEVON REX SCOTTISH HIGHLAND SELKIRK SIBERIAN SINGAPURA SPHYNX	AMERICAN CURL ASIAN/ ENGLISH BURMESE/ BURMILLA DONSKOY EUROPEAN SH. GERMAN REX HAVANA BROWN JAPANESE BOBTAIL KORAT KURILIAN BOBTAIL LAPERM EGYPTIAN MAU MUNCHKIN OCICAT SAVANNAH SOKOKE TONKINESE YORK CHOCOLATE	ABYSSINIAN/SOMALI LYKOI TURKISH ANGORA RUSSIAN/NEBELUNG THAI	BALINESE/ MANDARIN/ ORIENTAL/ SIAMESE CORNISH REX/ CALIFORNIAN REX PETERBALD	BENGAL CHAUSIE MAINE COON NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT PIXIE BOB RAGDOLL BIRMAN TOYGER TURKISH VAN