

BURMESE BREED GROUP (BU/BO)

Burmese / Bombay

The **Burmese (BU)** is cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, good muscular development.

The **Bombay (BO)** is a medium-sized cat, wellbalanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing.

HEAD 35 points

Shape 7

Ears 5

Eyes 10

Chin 2

Muzzle 3

Nose 2

Profile 5

Neck 1

BODY 35 points

Torso 10

Legs 2

Feet 1

Tail 2

Boning 8

Musculature 12

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 25 points

Length 8

Texture 7

Color 10

OTHER 5

Balance 1

Condition 2

Temperament 2

CATEGORY:

(BU) Sepia.

(BO) Traditional.

DIVISIONS:

(BU) Solid and Tortoiseshell.

(BO) Solid.

COLORS:

(BU) All.

(BO) Black ONLY.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

None.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium in size.

Rounded, without flat planes. Face to be full with considerable width between the eyes.

Ears: Medium in size. Wide set, but not flared. Slightly rounded tips.

Alert, tilting slightly forward.

Eyes: Large, round, wide set, in line with the base of the ear. Color:

(BU) Gold.

(BO) Copper to gold--copper preferred.

Chin: Firm, rounded.

Muzzle: Rounded, short, broad, well-developed.

Profile:

(BU) Visible break.

(BO) Visible stop.

Nose: The end is slightly rounded down.

Neck: Well-developed. Short to Medium.

BODY:

Torso: Medium in size.

Somewhat compact.

(BO) Torso somewhat longer.

Rounded, ample chest.

Legs: Sturdy, proportionate.

Feet: Rounded.

Tail: Medium in length. Tapering to blunt tip.

Boning: Sturdy. Broad rib cage.

Musculature: Firmly muscled.

Surprising weight for its size.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Short.

Texture: Fine, satin-like, closely lying. Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.

Color:

(BU): Color should be rich and sound to the root, with slight lightening on the underparts.

Although a sepia solid color is preferred, allowance should be made for the extremities to be slightly darker than the torso in colors other than sable.

(BO): Dark to the roots.

Shimmering, patent leather sheen.

(Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.)

OTHER:

Balance: Well-balanced.

Condition: Excellent.

Temperament: Unchallenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The overall impression of the ideal Burmese would be a cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, good muscular development and a surprising weight for its size. This together with a rounded head, expressive eyes and a sweet expression presents a totally distinctive cat which is comparable to no other breed. The Burmese is a cat of perfect physical condition, with excellent muscle tone. There should be no evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness, or apathy.

The Bombay originated as a hybrid between the Burmese and the American Shorthair. However, it has distinctive features which separate it from its parent breeds. Created to resemble a "mini-panther", the Bombay is a medium-size cat, wellbalanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing; muscular and deceptively heavy for its size. With its jet black, "patent leather" coat; "new copper penny" eyes; solid body and sweet, open facial expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own.

PENALIZE:

(BO) Ranginess, fine boning; long, whippy tail; flat plane to forehead. Thick or open-lying coat.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Lockets. (BO) Nose leather or paw pads other than black; green eyes; extreme Exotic type of break; extremely protruding eyes; and/or protruding chin.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Improper bite.

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* All breeds must to present a unchallenging temperament; the cat may show fear, seek to flee, or may complain aloud, but may not threaten to hurt. Any sign of definite threat shall disqualify. Disqualifications: a cat that bites, a cat that shows evidence to deceive, adult whole males with not two descended testicles, cats with parts or whole tail missing or with tails faults (except the approved breeds), polydactyl cats (except the approved breeds), crossed eyes, total blindness, smaller size for the breed, depression of the sternum or usually small diameter of the rib cage itself.