

Burmese

The Burmese is an elegant cat of foreign type. The glossy coat is a distinct feature of the breed.

- HEAD** Slightly rounded on top with good breadth between ears, having wide cheekbones and tapering to a short, blunt wedge. Jaw wide at hinge. There is a distinct nose break and the chin shows a strong lower jaw.
- EARS** Medium in size, set well apart, broad at base, with slightly rounded tips. The outline of the ears continues the shape of the upper part of the face and has a slight forward tilt in profile.
- EYES** Set well apart, large and lustrous. The top line of the eye is straight with a slight oriental slant towards the nose, the lower line being rounded.
- CHIN** Firm.
- BODY** Medium length and size and elegant, feeling hard and muscular, and heavier than its appearance indicates. Chest strong and rounded in profile. Back straight from shoulder to rump.
- LEGS** Legs slender in proportion to body, hind legs slightly longer than front legs.
- PAWS** Paws neat and oval in shape.
- TAIL** Straight, medium in length, not heavy at base, tapering only slightly to a rounded tip.
- COAT** Short, fine and close lying with a satin-like texture.
- EYE COLOUR** Golden yellow through to yellow through to yellow chartreuse
- COAT COLOUR** In all colours evenness is most desirable but under parts will be lighter and points may be slightly darker.
The coat colour is not solid to the roots but shades gradually from the hair tips to the roots with no evidence of ticking, barring or smoke effect.
Allowances should be made in kittens for a lighter coat colour.

SCALE OF POINTS

| | SOLID | TORTOISESHELL |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Head and ears | 20 | 20 |
| Eyes shape and set | 15 | 15 |
| Eye colour | 10 | 10 |
| Body, legs, tail and paws | 30 | 35 |
| Coat Colour and texture | 15 | 10 |
| Condition | 5 | 5 |
| Temperament | 5 | 5 |
| | 100 | 100 |

ALLOWANCES

Faint barring in kittens.

FAULTS

Any suggestion of either Siamese type or British cobbiness.

Short legs.

Small size is a serious fault.

Green eyes a serious fault.

Round or oriental eyes.

Obvious barring in Tortoiseshell coats.

Lockets or excessive white hairs.

Obvious tabby markings.

Obvious ticking in coat.

Any defects listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

No Burmese will be registered in SACC that was imported from Northern America or have cats in its pedigree that were imported from Northern America up to the eighth generation.

Burmese Coat Colour

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Allowable Outcross Breeds: None

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