

**BURMESE [BUR]**  
(Standard Source: FIFe 1987)

**General**

The Burmese is an elegant cat of foreign type.

**Head:** The top of the head is slightly rounded, with good breadth between the ears, having wide cheek bones and tapering to a short, blunt wedge. The jaw is wide at the hinge and the chin strong. In profile the nose shows a definite nose break and the chin a strong lower jaw. Neck of medium length, strong, in proportion to the body.

**Ears:** Medium in size, set well apart on the skull, broad at the base, with slightly rounded tips. The outer line of the ears continues the shape of the upper part of the face. This may not be possible in mature males who develop a fullness of cheek. In profile the ears have a slight forward tilt.

**Eyes:** Set well apart, large, and lustrous. The top line of the eyes shows a straight oriental slant towards the nose, the lower lid is rounded.

**Body:** Medium length and size, feeling hard and muscular and heavier than its appearance indicates. The chest should be strong and rounded in profile, the back straight from shoulder to rump.

**Legs and Feet:** Legs rather slender and in proportion to the body; feet small and oval.

**Tail:** Medium length, not thick at the base and tapering slightly to a rounded tip.

**Coat:** Very short, fine, lying close to the body, satin-like in texture, almost without undercoat, very glossy.  
*For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*

**Remarks:** A bump on the nose is undesirable.

**Faults:** Jaw pinch is a serious fault. Oriental eye shape, round eyes.

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** ~

**SCALE OF POINTS**

Head:	<i>including ears,</i>	25 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:	<i>including shape and colour</i>	20 points
Body	<i>including shape, legs, feet, and tail</i>	20 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:	<i>texture</i>	15 points
Colour:		15 points
Condition:		5 points

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100 points

## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description

**Eye Colour:** All shades of yellow to amber, golden yellow preferred; alert and bright.

**Coat Colour:** Only as listed below.

**Coat Pattern:**

#### **Sepia (i.e., Burmese Pattern Colour Expression cb cb)**

Colour should be sound to the roots. In all colours the underparts of the body will be slightly paler than the back. The ears and face may show a little contrast but their colour should be even. In adults of all non-tabby colours there should be no barring or shadings.

#### **Solid:**

The colour of the body and extremities should be the same but may show greater contrast in colours other than brown.

#### **Tortie:**

In all colours there may be well-defined patches of colours [large or small patches (2 or 3 hairs constitute a patch)] or intermingled colours distributed over the whole body, including extremities. The red/cream colour can show various shades of the colour, with or without a blaze. The distribution of colour is of less importance than the other details of the colour. Eye rims are either a solid colour or shades of pink or both.

#### **Ticked Tabby:**

On the forehead, there should be an "M". In ticked tabby kittens, there may be a skull cap which may clear to a "M" in adults. There should be an unbroken line running from the outer corner of each eye and penciling on the cheeks. The edges of the ears should be the same colour as the markings with a central patch of ground colour resembling a thumb print.

The coat should be evenly ticked with two or three bands of colour extending well down each hair shaft. The darker colour should be more apparent down the spine, shading to a paler ground colour on the belly and inside the legs. Any necklaces may be broken or unbroken. The belly may be spotted. The legs may be barred. The tail may be ringed, with complete or broken rings or may have a continuation of the darker colour of the spine line. The tail should have a solid tip of darker colour except in red and cream and tortie tabbies. The darker pattern colour should extend from the feet up the back of the leg to the hock joint.

**Remarks:** In kittens and young adolescents' allowance should be made for faint tabby barring in non-tabbies and overall, a lighter colour than in adults.

**Brown:** Very dark colour bordering on black is incorrect.

**Red/Cream:** Dark spots of pigmentation (freckles) on the nose leather are allowed.

**Faults:** ~

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** Green eyes. A noticeable number of white hairs.

**Red/Cream:** Too much tabby barring in non-tabbies.

**Disqualify:** ~

**BROWN (BUR n)**

**Coat:** Rich, warm seal brown.  
**Nose Leather:** Rich brown.  
**Paw Pads:** Brown.

**BLUE (BUR a)**

**Coat:** Blue grey  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Blue grey.

**CHOCOLATE (BUR b)**

**Coat:** Warm milk chocolate; evenness of colour overall very desirable.  
**Nose Leather:** Milk chocolate.  
**Paw Pads:** Brick red to chocolate.

**LILAC (BUR c)**

**Coat:** Pale delicate dove-grey with a slightly pink cast.  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Lavender-pink

**RED (BUR d)**

**Coat:** Warm orange (apricot).  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Pink

**CREAM (BUR e)**

**Coat:** Rich pastel cream.  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Pink.

**BROWN TORTIE (BUR f)**

**Coat:** The colours of seal brown and red (dark and light shades) distributed in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Seal brown, pink, or patched with both.

**BLUE TORTIE (BUR g)**

**Coat:** Pale tones of blue-grey and cream (dark and light) distributed in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Blue-grey, pink, or patched with both.

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE (BUR h)**

**Coat:** The colours of chocolate and red (dark and light shades) distributed in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather:** Milk chocolate, pink, or patched with both.  
**Paw Pads:** Shades of chocolate brown, pink, or patched with both.

**LILAC TORTIE (BUR j)**

**Coat:** The colours of lilac and pale cream (dark and light shades) distributed in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather & Paw Pads:** Lavender-pink, pink, or patched with both.

**BROWN TICKED TABBY (BUR n 25)**

**Coat:** Rich, warm seal brown ticking on a creamy beige ground colour  
**Nose Leather:** Brick red or pink outlined with brown  
**Paw Pads:** Brown

**BLUE TICKED TABBY (BUR a 25)**

**Coat:** Blue-grey ticking on a cool-toned very pale beige ground colour  
**Nose Leather:** Pink outlined with blue grey  
**Paw Pads:** Blue grey

**CHOCOLATE TICKED TABBY (BUR b 25)**

Warm milk chocolate ticking on a creamy beige ground colour  
**Nose Leather:** Pink outlined with chocolate  
 Shades of chocolate brown.

**LILAC TICKED TABBY (BUR c 25)**

Pale delicate dove-grey ticking on a cool-toned beige ground colour  
**Nose Leather:** Lavender pink or pink outlined in Lavender pink

**RED TICKED TABBY (BUR d 25)**

Warm orange ticking on a warm very pale orange ground colour  
**Nose Leather:** Pink outlined with deeper pink  
**Paw Pads:** Pink

**CREAM TICKED TABBY (BUR e 25)**

Rich pastel cream ticking on a very pale cream ground colour, having a powered effect  
**Nose Leather:** Pink outlined with a deeper pink  
**Paw Pads:** Pink

**BROWN TORTIE TICKED TABBY (BUR f 25)**

Description as for brown ticked tabby but pattern and ground colour is overlaid with seal brown and red (dark & light shades) in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather:** Seal brown, pink or patched with both outlined in brown and/or deeper pink  
 Seal brown, pink, or patched with both

**BLUE TORTIE TICKED TABBY (BUR g 25)**

Description as for blue ticked tabby but pattern and ground colour is overlaid with blue-grey and cream (dark and light shades) in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather:** Blue grey, pink, or patched with both outlined in darker blue-grey and/or deeper pink  
**Paw Pads:** Blue-grey, pink, or patched with both.

**CHOCOLATE TORTIE TICKED TABBY (BUR h 25)**

Description as for chocolate ticked tabby but pattern and ground colour is overlaid with chocolate and red (dark and light shades) in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather:** Milk chocolate, pink or patched with both outlined in chocolate and/or deeper pink  
 Shades of chocolate brown, pink or patched with both

**LILAC TORTIE TICKED TABBY (BUR j 25)**

Description as for lilac ticked tabby but pattern and ground colour is overlaid with lilac and pale cream (dark and light shades) in tortie pattern.  
**Nose Leather:** Lavender pink, pink or patched with both outlined in lilac and/or deeper pink  
 Lavender-pink, pink, or patched with both.

**BREEDERS NOTES**

Allowable outcross: Burmese (American) but only under rules for Breed Development Programmes. c<sup>b</sup>/c<sup>b</sup> progeny will be registered as Burmese. All cats used as outcrosses must be DNA tested for all health tests available for the foundation breeds used. Also need to test negative for colours not currently recognised in Burmese by ACF.