

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

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| 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 |

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 (ie 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 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 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 the solid colour or shades of pink or both.

Remarks: In kittens and young adolescents' allowance should be made for faint tabby barring 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.

Disqualify: ~

BROWN (*BUR n*)

Coat: Rich, warm seal brown.

Nose Leather: Rich brown.

Paw Pads: Brown.

BLUE (*BUR a*)

Coat: Blue-grey with a definite sheen.

Nose Leather &

Paw Pads: Blue-grey with a definite sheen.

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: Cinnamon to chocolate, 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.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: Burmese (American) but only under rules for Breed Development Programmes. Full generation Mandalay AOV which tests as sepia pattern (cbcb) may be used as an allowable outcross. Progeny from full generation Mandalay AOV (cbcb) to a Burmese would be registered as Burmese.

All cats used as outcrosses must be DNA tested for all health tests available for Burmese (American); British and Burmese (i.e., breeds used to achieve the Mandalay). Also need to test positive for cbcb and negative for colours not currently recognised in Burmese by ACF.