

# BURMESE BREED GROUP (BU)

The **Burmese (BU)** is cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, good muscular development. The **Bombay (BO)** is a medium-sized cat, well-balanced, 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.

## 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, close-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, well-balanced, 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:

(BO) Locketts or spots; nose leather or paw pads other than black; green eyes; improper bite; extreme Exotic type of break; extremely protruding eyes; and/or protruding chin.



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.*