

FOREIGN BURMESE

The Foreign Burmese is an elegant cat of a foreign type, which is positive and quite individual to the breed. Any suggestion of either Siamese type or the cobbliness of the Exotic Shorthair must be regarded as a fault.

Scale of points (see also General Preface)

<u>Head</u>	15	The head should be slightly rounded on top with good breadth between the ears, having wide cheekbones that taper to a short blunt wedge. The jaw should be wide at the hinge and chin firm. There should be a distinct stop, but not a deep break, and in profile the chin should show a strong lower jaw.
<u>Ears</u>	5	Ears should be medium in size, set well apart on the skull, broad at the Base, with slightly rounded tips, the Outer line of the ears continuing the shape of the upper part of the face. This may not be possible in mature mates who develop a fullness of cheek. In profile, the ears should be seen to have a slight forward tilt.
<u>Eye Shape</u>	5	The eyes, which must be set well apart, should be large and lustrous, the top line of the eye showing a slight slant towards the nose, the tower line being rounded. Oriental eyes are a fault.
<u>Eve Color</u>	5	Any shade of yellow from chartreuse to amber, with golden-yellow preferred. Green eyes are a serious fault. Withhold on green eyes that show more blue than yellow pigmentation.
<u>Body</u>	10	The body should be of 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 is straight from shoulder to rump.
<u>Legs & Feet</u>	10	Legs should be slender and in proportion to the body, to give an overall balanced appearance; hind legs slightly longer than front. Paws are neat and oval in shape.
<u>Tail</u>	5	The tail should be straight and of medium length, not heavy at the base, and tapering only slightly to a rounded tip.
<u>Coat</u>	20	The coat should be short, fine, satin-like in texture, laying close to the body. The glossy coat is a distinctive feature, and an indication of good health.
<u>Color</u>	15	In all colors, the underparts will be lighter than the back. In kittens and adolescents, allowances should be made for faint tabby markings and, overall, a tighter color than adults. The peppering of a few white hairs may be overlooked, but patches of white hair on the sides and top of solid color cats (excluding torties) are a serious fault. All solid colors acceptable, except those colors in the Burmese breed (Sable, Champagne, Blue, and Platinum), which will be considered AOV Foreign Burmese and may be used for breeding purposes.
<u>Condition</u>	10	Cats should be well muscled, with good weight for size, lively and alert. Penalize for obesity, paunchiness, weakness or apathy.

WITHHOLD: Definite leg gauntlets, excessive tabby-type barring, any white spots, patches, or locket (except on tortie colors). This does not mean the peppering of a few white hairs around the neck and shoulder area due to age or breeding. Blue eye color. Extreme exotic-type of nose break which interferes with normal breathing and/or causes excessive tearing of eyes, and/or half-closed lids. The lack of an adequate muzzle resulting in a flat face, receding nose, extremely protruding eyes or chin

PENALIZE: Under- or over-shot Jaw; a breadth that is too extreme heading toward an Exotic look, or not enough break giving way toward the Siamese look. Muzzle too broad, giving a bulldog appearance; muzzle pinch.

COLOR DESCRIPTIONS

BLUE In maturity, the adult should be a soft silver gray only very slightly darker on the back and tail. There should be a distinct silver sheen on rounded areas such as ears, face and feet. **Nose leather:** very dark gray. **Paw pads:** gray.

BROWN In maturity, the adult should be a rich, warm, seal brown, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter shade on the underpart: very dark color bordering on black is incorrect. **Nose leather:** rich brown. **Paw pads:** brown.

CHOCOLATE In maturity, the overall color should be a warm milk chocolate. **Nose leather:** warm chocolate brown. **Paw pads:** brick pink shading to chocolate.

CREAM In maturity, the coat color should be rich cream. Slight tabby markings may be found on the face, and small indeterminate markings elsewhere (except on the sides and belly) are permissible. Ears should be only slightly darker than the back. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

LILAC In maturity, the coat color should be a pale delicate dove-gray with a slightly pinkish cast giving a rather faded effect. **Nose leather:** lavender pink. **Paw pads:** shell pink in kittens, becoming lavender pink in adults.

RED In maturity, the coat color should be light tangerine. Slight tabby markings may be found on the face, and small indeterminate markings elsewhere (except on sides and belly) are permissible. Ears should be distinctly darker than the back. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

BLUE TORTIE The coat should be a mixture of blue and cream without any obvious barring. Color and markings are not so important as the type, which should be excellent. **Nose leather and paw pads:** plain or blotched with blue and pink.

BROWN TORTIE The coat should be a mixture of brown and red without any obvious barring. The color and markings are not so important as the type, which should be excellent. **Nose leather and paw pads:** solid or blotched with brown and pink.

CHAMPAGNE TORTIE The coat should be a mixture of champagne and red without any obvious barring. The color and markings are not so important as the type, which should be excellent. **Nose leather and paw pads:** plain or blotched with champagne and pink.

CHOCOLATE
TORTIE

The coat should be a mixture of chocolate and red without any obvious barring. The color and markings are not so important as the type, which should be excellent. **Nose leather and paw pads:** plain or botched with chocolate and pink

PLATINUM
TORTIE

The coat should be a mixture of platinum and cream without any obvious barring. The color and markings are not so important as the type, which should be excellent. **Nose leather and paw pads:** plain or blotched with platinum and pink.