

## BOMBAY

**General:** The overall impression of the ideal Bombay is a black "patent-leather" cat of medium size with substantial bone structure and muscular development. Although similar in type to the Burmese, the Bombay is NOT a black Burmese. Due to its short, jet black, glistening coat and bright gold eyes, combined with a firm body, full round head, and sweet facial expression, the ideal Bombay is a balanced and graceful cat that has an unmistakable look and charm uniquely its own.

- Head** 7 The head should be pleasantly rounded without flat planes whether viewed from the front, top or profile. It should fit into a round circle when viewed from all angles. The face should be full and blend gently into a broad, well-developed short muzzle that maintains the rounded contours of the head.
- Nose** 7 In profile there should be a modest stop which does not form a sharp angle and is not to be considered a break. The tip of the nose may be straight or slightly rounded.
- Chin** 4 The chin should be firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite
- Ears** 7 The ears are medium in size, broad at the base with slightly rounded tips, set well apart, alert, tilting a bit forward
- Eyes** 25 Large and round, set wide apart, aperture in line with the base of the ear – **10 points**. Color may range from deep yellow to gold to copper, the depth and brilliance the better –**15 points**.
- Body** 25 The body is medium in size, neither cobby nor rangy. It has good musculature and balance, showing excellent proportions and carriage. The legs are well proportioned to the body with rounded feet. The chest has good breadth in proportion to the size of the cat and is slightly rounded. The Bombay body is surprisingly heavy for the size. Allowance shall be made for smaller size in females.
- Tail** 5 The tail is straight, medium in length, neither short nor long and whippy
- Coat** 20 The coat is close lying and has a medium to fine satin-like texture with a shimmering patent-leather sheen –**5 points**. It is short to medium in length –**5 points**. Coat color in mature cat (by the fourth year) is black to the roots. Allowance shall be given to younger cats and kittens – **10 points**.

**PENALIZE:** Profile which presents a "pugged or snubbed" look. Ranginess.

### **HEAVILY**

**PENALIZE:** Exotic look to the head (Persian look)

### **WITHHOLD**

**ALL AWARDS** White lockets, patches or spots. Nose leather or paw pads other than black. Green eyes. Improper bite. Extreme exotic type of nose break, which interferes with normal breathing, and/or causes 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.