

AMENDMENTS TO BENGAL STANDARD OF POINTS

General Type Standard (no change)

Head and Neck: Broad medium wedge with rounded contours, slightly longer than it is wide with high cheek bones. The head should be rather small in proportion to the body but not taken to extremes. The profile has a gentle curve from the forehead to the bridge of the nose. The line of the bridge of the nose extends to the nose leather making a very slight concave curve. The nose is large and broad with a slightly puffed nose leather. The muzzle should be full and broad with a rounded, firm chin and pronounced whisker pads created by the widely set canine teeth. The neck should be thick, muscular and in proportion to the body. Allowance should be made for jowls in adult males.

Ears: (no change)

Eyes: Almost round, oval preferred, large but not bold. Set on a slight slant toward the base of the ear.

Body: (no change)

Legs and Paws: (no change)

Tail: (no change)

Coat: (no change)

Bengal Tabby Pattern Descriptions (no change)

Colour Descriptions for Spotted and Marbled Bengals

Brown Tabby: All variations are allowed in Bengals but a high degree of rufous colour yielding a yellow, buff, golden or orange ground colour is preferred. Markings may be black or various shades of brown. There may be a light coloured "thumb print" on the back of each ear. A very pale colour, preferably white, is highly desirable on the whisker pads and chin and may extend onto the chest, underside and inner legs. Alternatively, the chest, underside and inner legs may be pale in contrast to the ground colour of the flanks and back. White or very light coloured spectacles encircling the eyes are desirable. The eye rims, lips and nose leather should be outlined in black and the centre of the nose leather should be brick red. Paw pads and tail tip must be black. The overall appearance should be of gold dusting. A grey base coat should not be penalised.

Eye colour: Gold, green or hazel, deep shades preferred.

Blue-Eyed Snow (Siamese restriction of coat pattern): The ground colour should be ivory to cream. The pattern may vary in colour from charcoal to dark or light brown with light coloured spectacles, whisker pads and chin. There may be a light coloured "thumb print" on the back of each ear. The eye rims, lips and nose leather should be outlined in black and the centre of the nose leather should be brick red. Paw pads should be brown with rosy undertones. The colour may be darker on the points than on the body, as little contrast as possible is preferred. The tail tip must be dark brown or charcoal. The overall appearance should be of pearl dusting.

Eye Colour: Blue, deep shades preferred.

AOC-Eyed Snow (Burmese/Tonkinese restriction of coat colour): The ground colour should be ivory to tan, with the pattern clearly visible. The pattern may be charcoal or shades of brown with light coloured spectacles, whisker pads and chin. There may be a light coloured "thumb print" on the back of each ear. The eye rims, lips and nose leather should be outlined in black and the centre of the nose leather should be brick red. Paw pads should be dark brown with rosy undertones. The tail tip must be dark brown or charcoal. The overall appearance should be of pearl dusting.

Eye Colour: Gold, green or blue-green.

SCALE OF POINTS: (no change)

Withhold All Awards for: Aggressive behaviour.

Withhold Certificates and First Prizes in Kitten Open Classes for:

1. Long, rough or coarse coat.
2. Distinctly ticked coat.
3. Tail tip not the required colour.
4. Whip tail.
5. Stomach not spotted (except in Blue-Eyed Snow kittens).
6. Incorrect paw pad colour.
7. Oriental head type. e.g. straight profile. large flared ears.
8. Cobby or Abyssinian, Burmese or Oriental body type.
9. White patches or spots other than those referred to in the colour descriptions.
10. Any other defect as listed in the preface to the GCCF SOP booklet.