

BURMESE (BUR)



Scale of Points

Type	Head & Neck20	65
	Ears10	
	Eye shape & set10	
	Body15	
	Legs & paws5	
	Tail5	
Coat, Colour & Condition	Eyes.....5	30
	Body10	
	Texture5	
	Condition10	
Temperament		5
Note: The cat as a whole should be taken into consideration before making a final assessment.		

General Type Standard

The Burmese is an elegant cat of a foreign type, which is distinctive and quite individual to the breed. In character they are alert, active, intelligent, extremely friendly and affectionate.

Head	<p>The head, carried on a medium neck, should be in proportion to the body. Viewed from the front, it should form a short wedge, wide at the cheek bones and tapering to a blunt finish at the muzzle. The top of the head should be slightly rounded between the ears, which are set well apart so that the outer line of the ears continue the shape of the upper part of the face. However, in mature males who have developed full jowls and a sturdy neck, this will not be so apparent. Allowance should be made for a teething pinch in kittens.</p> <p>In profile the head should show good depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw. The brow should be slightly rounded. There should be a distinct nose break followed by a straight nose ending with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane as the chin. The lower jaw should show a good depth of chin.</p>
Ears	<p>Medium in size, broad at the base, rounded at the tip and having in profile a slight forward tilt.</p> <p>Allowance should be made for correctly shaped but overlarge ears in a</p>

	kitten where the head size and shape is still developing.	
Eyes	Shape	Must be set well apart. They should be large and lustrous, the top line of the eye showing a slant towards the nose, the lower line being rounded.
	Colour	Any shade of yellow from chartreuse to amber, with golden yellow preferred. Burmese eye colour is very sensitive to variations in light intensity and colour. Wherever possible it should be assessed in north daylight. It is important that, when being judged, the eye colour of all the cats in the class should be assessed under identical light conditions. Allowance should be made for eye colour in a kitten where it may still be developing and for colour dilution in an older cat.
Body	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 straight from shoulder to rump.	
Legs & Paws	Legs should be slender and in proportion to the body, hind legs slightly longer than the front, paws neat and oval in shape.	
Tail	Straight, medium thickness at the base and tapering to a rounded tip. When the tail is brought gently round the side of the body the tip should reach the shoulder.	
Coat	Texture	Short, fine, satin-like in texture, lying close to the body. The glossy coat is a distinctive feature of Burmese and is indicative of good health.
	Colour	Refer to the descriptions below. In all colours the under parts will be lighter than the back but the shading should be gradual. Ears and face may be slightly darker in colour. The appearance of a Burmese should be that of a clear-coated cat, however slight tabby markings may be found on the face and small indeterminate markings elsewhere, except on sides and belly, are permissible in an otherwise excellent cat. Slight tabby markings on the head may be seen in all colours, but are more apparent in reds & creams. In all colours the coat should shade gradually to the roots with no evidence of smoke effect, ticking or barring. Reds, Creams and Torties may show some freckling or brown pigmentation on ears, nose leather, eye rims, lips and paw pads. The individual colour descriptions are for mature adults. Allowance should be made in kittens and adolescents for a lighter coat colour than the adult standard specifies. Paw pads may be a lighter colour in kittens than in adults. Note: In the case of the four Tortie colours BUR f, BUR g, BUR h & BUR j the colours may be mingled or blotched; blazes, solid legs or tails are all permissible. Variations in the overall effect of the Tortie coat pattern are to be expected; either colour may dominate.
Condition	Cats should be well muscled with good weight for size, lively and alert.	

Withhold Certificates or First Prizes in Kitten Open Classes for :-

1. Oriental type e.g. straight profile with no nose break, overlarge flared ears, whip tail
2. British type e.g. square cobby body, round head, small ears
3. Small, fine-boned or dainty adults
4. Lack of weight or condition
5. Eyes that are oriental, almond or round in shape, excessively small, close set or protuberant
6. Eyes that are blue, copper or showing more blue than yellow pigmentation
7. A noticeable number or patch of white hairs
8. Extremely aggressive behaviour
9. Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOPs

Faults

1. Muzzle pinch in adults
2. Flat or dished brows
3. Nose showing bumps or nose leather falling away markedly
4. Eyes that are straight set.
5. Green or orange eyes
6. Ticking, smoke undercoat or tabby markings, except for slight markings on the head as previously defined.
7. Extremes of coat colour
8. Slight bony excrescence at end of tail

COLOURS

BROWN (BUR n)

Coat Colour - rich, warm seal brown.

Nose Leather - rich brown.

Paw Pads - brown.

BLUE (BUR a)

Coat Colour - soft blue-grey. There should be a distinct silver sheen on rounded areas such as ears, face and feet.

Nose Leather - dark-grey.

Paw Pads - pinkish grey.

CHOCOLATE (BUR b)

Coat Colour - warm milk chocolate. Evenness of colour overall is very desirable.

Nose Leather - warm chocolate brown.

Paw Pads -brick pink shading to chocolate.

LILAC (BUR c)

Coat Colour - pale, delicate dove-grey with a slight pinkish cast.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads - lavender pink.

RED (BUR d)

Coat Colour - tangerine.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads - pink.

BROWN TORTIE (BUR f)

Coat colour - brown with shades of red.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads - plain or blotched, brown and pink.

CREAM (BUR e)

Coat colour - cream showing a distinct bloom on ears, the top of the head and back, resulting in a powdered effect.

Nose leather and Paw Pads - pink.

BLUE TORTIE (BUR g)

Coat colour - blue with shades of cream.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads - plain or blotched blue and pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE (BUR h)

Coat colour - chocolate with shades of red.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads - plain or blotched chocolate and pink.

LILAC TORTIE (BUR j)

Coat colour - lilac with shades of cream.

Nose Leather and Paw Pads plain or blotched lilac and pink.