DEDUCT

BIRMAN (SACRED CAT OF BURMA)

The Sacred Cat of Burma is a semi-long haired, pointed cat with distinctive white feet. They are impressive in appearance, medium to large in size.

I-BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(15) BODY – Full bodied, medium long, sturdy cat with a level back. The overall size is medium to large.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, heavy and well muscled in proportion to the body. Paws are large, rounded and firm.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and in proportion to the body. Bushy and carried erect.

II-HEAD TYPE (30)

(5) FRONT VIEW – Strong, broad and rounded. Cheek bones are full, high and prominent. Muzzle is medium in length and width, in proportion to size of head. Chin is well developed, forming a perpendicular line with the upper lip. (5) PROFILE – Slightly longer than wide. Forehead slopes back with sight flat spot in middle of forehead jut in front of the eras. Top head is rounded. A definite stop (no break) between forehead and Roman nose.

(5) NOSE – Roman in shape, medium in length with nostrils set low.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, almost as wide at base as tall, round tipped, spaced well apart and set as much on the side as on the top of the head.

(5) EYES – Large, rounded, slightly almond in shape, tilting slightly up at the outside corner. Eyes set wide apart, sweet, open expression.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Blue, the deeper the colour the better.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Medium long to long, silky, slightly curly on stomach. The texture is such that the coat does not matt. Heavy ruff around the neck is desirable.

IV-COLOUR (30)

(5) BODY – Birmans are pointed cats. Coat colour ideally is as clear as possible. Shading, if any, should compliment point colour. Ideally there should be good contrast between point and coat colour.

(10) POINTS – The mask, ears, legs and tail should have dense, clearly defined and of the same shade. Allowance may be given to young cats for inconsistent development of point colour.

(5) FRONT PAWS – Pure white symmetrical gloves ending in an even line across the paw. Ideally, the gloves should extend as high and not beyond the third joint (the angle formed by the paw and leg). Colour of paw pads is irrelevant.

(5) BACK PAWS – Pure white gloves covering the entire paw. May extend up somewhat higher than front gloves. Colour of paw pads is irrelevant.

(5) LACES – Gloves on the back paws extend up the back of the leg and end in a point or inverted 'V' jut below the hock (laces). Laces may not extend above the hock and lower laces (1/4 to $\frac{3}{4}$) are acceptable. Evenly matched gloves and laces are desirable.

V-CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Birmans should be presented in good physical condition, well groomed and clean. Birmans are well balanced, and not extreme in any way. Proper proportions and balance are more important than size. The balanced cat will show harmony of line throughout. Birmans are gentle, playful and happy cats.

OBJECTIONS

*	White that does not run across the paws	
	in a straight line.	1-3
*	Gloves or laces that are	
	not symmetrical.	2-5
*	Runners (streaks of white extending	
	from the gloves) that extend beyond the	
	metacarpal pad (front) or just above the	
	hock joint on the back legs.	2-5
*	Siamese or Persian type of head	
	and/ or body.	3-6
*	Straight nose.	1-3
*	Pale or light blue eve colour	5

Pale or light blue eye colour. 5

WITHHOLDS

- * Lack of white gloves on any foot.
- * Laces which extend above the hock.
- * Isolated white in point colour. IF a white spot on a leg or paw is NOT connected to a glove or lace, it is considered isolated. As long as the white is connected to a paw pad/leather it is NOT considered isolated. Paw pads/leather may be pink or contain colour consistent with the point colour.
- * Isolated spot of point colour in gloves/laces if not connected to the point colour. Paw pads/leather may be pink or contain colour consistent with the point colour.
- * Lack of laces on one or both hocks.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Hybrid No Foundation Allowed No Foundation Allowed Birman, Himalayan, Colourpoint Shorthair Birman

ALLOWED MATINGS:

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Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.

SOLID POINT

BLUE POINT CHOCOLATE POINT CREAM POINT LILAC POINT RED POINT SEAL POINT

TORTIE POINT

BLUE CREAM POINT CHOCOLATE TORTIE POINT LILAC CREAM POINT SEAL TORTIE POINT

LYNX POINT

BLUE LYNX POINT CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT CREAM LYNX POINT LILAC LYNX POINT RED LYNX POINT SEAL LYNX POINT

TORTIE LYNX POINT

BLUE CREAM LYNX POINT CHOCOLATE TORTIE LYNX POINT LILAC CREAM LYNX POINT SEAL TORTIE LYNX POINT Refer to the individual breed standards for description of white markings and pattern penalties.

SOLID POINT COLOURS

BLUE POINT

Point Colour: Deep grayish-blue. All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: Even bluish-white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Slate gray. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Slate gray. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Fawn or cream shadings.

CHOCOLATE POINT

Point Colour: Warm cinnamon, milk chocolate. All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: Ivory without lilac or blue tones. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Burnt rose or cinnamon pink. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Cinnamon pink to tan-pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Lilac or blue shading.

CREAM POINT

Point Colour: Pale cream. All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: White without toning. Shading if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred. **Objections**: Improper colour nose or paw leather.

LILAC POINT

Point Colour: Light silvery blue with definite warm tones. There may be a slight pink cast. All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: Even glacial white without tan, brown, or blue tones. **Nose Leather**: Lavender pink. (Bi-colour Ragdoll - pink)

Paw Pads: Lavender pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leather. Tan, brown, or blue shadings.

RED (FLAME) POINT

Point Colour: Deep orange-red. Kittens may have a lighter shade (hot cream to orange). All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: Warm even creamy white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Flesh or coral pink. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Flesh or coral pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink.)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Pale point colour (overall impression of point colour must be hot)

Withhold Awards: Black or blue patches in nose or paw leathers. Any sign of tortoiseshell pattern.

SEAL POINT

Point Colour: Dense, deep seal -brown. All points should be the same even shade.

Coat: Even pale cream or ivory. Shadings if any are a warm fawn colour.

Nose Leather: Dark seal-brown to black. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Dark seal-brown to black. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bicolour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Black or gray shadings.

LYNX & TORTIE POINT COLOURS

BLUE CREAM POINT

Point Colour: Well defined patches of blue and cream. It is desirable that blue and cream be evident on all point areas.

Coat: Even bluish white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Slate gray, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Slate gray, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Tabby markings. Lack of two colours on points. Brindled colours instead of patches of colour.

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BLUE CREAM LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Blue with darker blue tabby markings patched with cream.

Coat: Even bluish or creamish white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Slate gray, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Slate gray, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

BLUE LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Silvery blue with deep grayish-blue tabby markings. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Even bluish-white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Slate gray or brick red. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Slate gray. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Warm cinnamon or milk chocolate with darker cinnamon or chocolate tabby markings. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Even ivory without lilac or blue tones. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Cinnamon or pink edged with cinnamon. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Cinnamon. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats. Blue or lilac tones.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE POINT

Point Colour: Milk chocolate with patches of cream. All points should be the same shade. It is desirable that chocolate and cream be evident on all point areas.

Coat: Even ivory. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Cinnamon, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Cinnamon, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Tabby markings. Lack of two colours on points. Brindled colours instead of patches of colour.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Milk chocolate with darker chocolate tabby markings patched with cream. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Even ivory. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Cinnamon, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Cinnamon, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

CREAM LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Delicate cream with darker cream tabby markings. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Cream white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Flesh or coral pink.

Paw Pads: Flesh or coral pink.

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

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LILAC CREAM POINT

Point Colour: Warm silver blue with pink overtones patched with cream. All points should be the same shade. It is desirable that lilac and cream be evident on all point areas.

Coat: Glacial white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Tabby markings. Lack of two colours on points. Brindled colours instead of patches of colour.

LILAC CREAM LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Warm silver blue with pink overtones, tabby markings a darker shade of lilac blue patched with cream. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Glacial white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

LILAC LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Warm silver blue with pink overtones, tabby markings a darker shade of lilac blue. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Glacial white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Lavender or pink edged with lavender. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Lavender. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

RED (FLAME) LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Deep red with darker -red tabby markings. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Cream white. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Flesh or coral pink.

Paw Pads: Flesh or coral pink.

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

SEAL LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Brown with darker seal brown tabby markings. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Pale cream to fawn. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Seal brown or brick red. (Bi-colour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Seal brown. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted) **Eye Colour**: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

(SEAL) TORTIE POINT

Point Colour: Dark seal brown with well defined patches of red. All points should be the same shade. It is desirable that seal and cream be evident on all point areas.

Coat: Even pale creamy white to pale cream. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Nose Leather: Seal brown, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Seal brown, may be mottled with pink.(Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Tabby markings. Lack of two colours on points. Brindled colours instead of patches of colour.

SEAL TORTIE LYNX POINT

Point Colour: Brown with darker seal brown tabby markings patched with red. All points should be the same shade.

Coat: Even pale cream to fawn. Shadings if any are the shade of the points.

Pattern: The mask must be clearly marked with typical tabby markings including a classic "M" on the forehead. Eyes are outlined in dark pigment. Inner ear is light and a thumb print appears on the outer ear. Stripes on the legs and tail.

Nose Leather: Seal brown, may be mottled with pink. (Bicolour Ragdoll — pink)

Paw Pads: Seal brown, may be mottled with pink. (Mitted Ragdoll, Bi-colour Ragdoll, Birman — pink. Spots of point colour permitted)

Eye Colour: Clear brilliant blue. Deep blue preferred.

Objections: Improper colour nose or paw leathers. Stripes or mottling on body, but consideration is to be given to shading in older cats.

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