

BOMBAY

The overall impression of the ideal Bombay is to describe its appearance as a “patent-leather” cat of medium size with substantial bone structure. They possess good muscle development and are deceptively heavy for their size. Females average 6 – 8 pounds (2.7 – 3.7 kg); males average 8 – 10 pounds (3.6 – 4.5 kg). The eyes often described, as “new copper-penny eyes” are large and round, giving the face a sweet, open expression.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(25) BODY – Medium in size, neither cobby nor rangy. Legs are well proportioned to the body with rounded feet. Well-muscled and is deceptively heavy for its size with an ample rounded chest. The back is level from the shoulder to tail.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and size with a slight tapering.

II – HEAD TYPE (35)

(7) FULL FACE – Rounded without flat planes whether viewed from either the front, top or in profile. Head fits into a round circle when viewed from all angles. Face is full with considerable breadth between the eyes and blend gently into a broad, well developed, short muzzle that maintains the rounded contours of the head.

(7) PROFILE – There is a moderate stop. The forehead is rounded but not domed. The nose indentation does not form a 45° degree angle (i.e. – it is not to be considered a break) but there is an indentation above the bridge, between the eyes, thus forming the change in direction from the rounded forehead to the short muzzle. The nose is slightly rounded down at the tip, thus completing the roundness of the head.

(7) EARS – Medium in size, broad at the base and slightly rounded at the tips. Set well apart on a rounded skull. Tilted slightly forward.

(4) CHIN – Firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite.

(10) EYE PLACEMENT & SHAPE – Large and round, set wide apart with the aperture in line with the base of the ear.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

The coat is close-lying and has a medium to fine satin-like texture with a shimmering patent-leather sheen. It is short to medium in length.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(10) COAT COLOUR – Coat is black to the roots with a high gloss, patent leather-like appearance. Nose and paw leathers are black. Allowances to be made in coat colour and texture for kittens and younger cats up to two years of age.

(15) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from gold to copper (copper is preferred). The greater the depth, evenness and brilliance of colour the better.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE

The Bombay is to display substantial bone structure and good muscular development.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Ranginess.	1-3
* Fine boning.	1-3
* Long whippy tail.	1-5
* Flat plane to forehead.	3-5
* Profile which presents a pugged or snubbed look.	3-5
* Rust tinge in coat.	3-5

WITHHOLDS

- * Extreme Exotic type or break, which interferes with normal breathing and/or causes tearing or eyes and/or half-closed eye lids.
- * Lack of an adequate muzzle resulting in a flat face.
- * Receding nose and/or extremely protruding eyes and/or protruding chin.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface

RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Black only

BREED ORIGIN:	Hybrid
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with Sable Burmese
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	Black F1 allowed if crossed with Sable Burmese. No AOV.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Bombay, Sable Burmese, Black American Shorthair
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Bombay, Sable Burmese

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