

# 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 of 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

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BREED ORIGIN:	Hybrid
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with Sable Burmese
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with Sable Burmese.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Bombay, Sable Burmese, Black American Shorthair
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Bombay, Sable Burmese

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## GENERAL PREFACE

The following shall apply to all breeds or as indicated:

### WITHHOLD AWARDS FOR:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw (Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this rule). Splayed toes are an objection.
2. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
3. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital or acquired.
4. Entries which do not meet correct markings as stated. Entries must be properly and distinctly marked in accordance with the standard for all cats of the tabby variety.
5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (i.e., the presence of powder, or chalk remaining in the coat after normal grooming, the use of tints, colour rinses or other artificial colouring concealment media, sanding or shaving, or knowledge of cosmetic surgery).
6. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All domestic breeds of cats covered in the standards are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally.
7. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Small, invisible bumps shall be considered a fault.
8. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified).
9. Crossed eyes in any breed.
10. Maloccluded jaws.
11. Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles) are grounds for withholding awards.
12. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.

### KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. weak, receding, or protruding chin is to be considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile and balance.
2. Allowance is to be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
3. Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
4. Allowance is to be made for faint tabby markings, except where part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance is to be made for undeveloped eye colour

and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

6. A 'blaze' — two colours on the face divided down the nose — is desirable (all other factors being equal) on the numerous tortoiseshell-like colours and patterns (i.e., tortoiseshell, lilac-cream, champagne-tortie, seal tortie point, etc.)
7. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
8. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. Inasmuch as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
9. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition and balance for its respective breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together' and any one particular quality must not be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by a greater amount than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
10. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.
12. An entry presented in the judging ring displaying noticeable effects of a sedative (i.e., third eyelids showing, overly glassy eyes, inability to stand or sit, lack of coordination or muscle control) shall not receive an award. The judge will record NFA (No Further Award) in their judge's book.