

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

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

It is important to consult the individual breed standard for breed-specific disqualifications. The following list applies to all breeds unless otherwise indicated.

WITHHOLD AWARDS (W/A) 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 disqualification.
 2. White lockets, buttons, or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour or pattern, or unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
 3. Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
 4. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
 5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (e.g., the presence of powder or chalk residue in the coat after normal grooming; the use of tints, colour rinses, or other artificial colouring concealment media; sanding or shaving).
 5. An entry, without provocation, attacks a judge or other person within the ring area, the entry shall be deemed vicious and disqualified (D.V. Disqualified, Vicious).
 6. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as a rigid deflection of the tail line, whether visible or not. Small, invisible bumps or calcium deposits shall be considered a fault. Refer to individual breed standards for exceptions to this rule.
 7. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
 8. Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
 9. Maloccluded jaws.
 10. Monorchidism (the absence of one testicle) or cryptorchidism (the absence of both testicles) is grounds for withholding awards in the Championship (whole adult) or Miscellaneous (whole adult) classes.
 11. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset a deficiency in another. Because the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their judging in accordance with these specifications.
 7. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition, and balance for their breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together', and no single quality **should** be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by more than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
 8. Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
 9. If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
 10. An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
 11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
 12. An entry presented in the judging ring showing noticeable effects of a sedative (e.g., third eyelids visible, overly glassy eyes, inability to stand or sit, lack of coordination or muscle control) shall not receive an award. The judge will record N.F.A (No Further Award) in their judge's book.
 13. Any cat too nervous or intractable to handle by the judge or the owner / agent must be disqualified (D.U.H. – Disqualified, Unable to Handle).
 14. A judge may disqualify any entry whose owner / agent draws specific attention to himself or his entry when benching the cat in the judging ring or at any time during judging. Judges shall enter D.L.E. (Disqualified, Lack of Etiquette) in their books.
 15. When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
 16. Cats recovering from recent surgery (or injury) where the incision (or wound) has not completely healed, stitches removed, etc.; must be disqualified (N.F.A. – No Further Awards).

FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

1. A weak, receding, or protruding chin is considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile, and balance.
2. Allowance should 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 should be made for faint tabby markings in kittens and young cats, except when they are part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance should be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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