

FOREIGN BURMESE

The Foreign Burmese is an import and is a cat of foreign type which is positive and individual to the breed. Any suggestion of either Siamese type or cobbiness of the British Shorthair must be regarded as a fault.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(25) **BODY** – Medium in length and size, hard, muscular and heavier than appearance indicates. Chest should be strong and rounded, the back straight from the shoulders to the rump.

(5) **LEGS & FEET** – Slender and in proportion to the body; hind legs slightly longer than the front. Feet small and oval.

(5) **TAIL** – Medium in length, thick at the base and tapering slightly to a rounded tip.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(15) **HEAD** – Top of head slightly rounded with good breadth between the ears, having wide cheekbones and tapering to a short blunt wedge. Definite nose break. Jaw is wide at hinge and has a strong lower jaw and chin.

(5) **EARS** – Medium in size, set well apart on the skull, broad at the base with slightly rounded tips. The outer line of the ears continues the shape of the upper part of the face. This may not be possible in mature males who have developed fullness of cheeks. In profile, ears have a slight forward tilt.

(10) **EYES** – Set wide apart, large and lustrous. The tip line shows a slight oriental slant toward the nose, the lower line is rounded. Alert and bright. Colour – All shades of yellow to amber, golden yellow preferred.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Short, fine, close lying to the body, satin-like texture, almost without undercoat and very glossy.

IV – COLOUR (20)

In all colours, the underparts of the body will be slightly paler than the back. In kittens and adolescents, allowance should be made for faint tabby barring and a overall lighter colour than adults. There should be no barring or shading in adults. The points (face, ears, and tail) may show a little contrast.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular, with no evident of obesity, paunchiness, weakness or apathy.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Deep stop in nose.	3-5
* Indentation between eyes.	3-5
* Thick coat or coarse texture.	2-3
* Greenish eyes.	1-3
* Jaw pinch.	3-5
* Oriental eye shape or round eyes.	3-5

NOTE: For greenish eyes, some allowance should be given to kittens as well as to cats over the age of three years.

WITHHOLDS

- * White patches.
- * Strong tabby markings.
- * Strong barring.
- * Black spots on nose leather or feet.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Hybrid
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed.
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Foreign Burmese, Burmese
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Foreign Burmese, Burmese

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SOLID

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CHAMPAGNE

CREAM

PLATINUM

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BLUE

Coat: Rich, sound, even gray-blue of velvety texture, characterized by a high sheen which gives the illusion of iridescence. Undersides are paler in colour than the back.

Nose Leather: Blue-gray.

Paw Pads: Blue-gray with pinkish tinge.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Faint barring.

Withhold Awards: Strong Barring.

CHAMPAGNE

Coat: Sound, warm beige shading to a pale gold tan underside. A gradual darkening in older specimens is allowed. Emphasis is to be placed on evenness of colour.

Nose Leather: Light warm-brown.

Paw Pads: Warm pinkish-tan.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Faint barring.

Withhold Awards: Strong Barring. Definite leg gauntlets.

CREAM

Coat: Delicate cream Back should have a distinct bloom giving a powdered effect. Light 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.

Ears: Should have a distinct bloom giving a 'powdered' effect.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Tabby markings on sides and belly.

Withhold Awards: Black spots on nose leather or paw pads.

PLATINUM

Coat: Pale Silvery-gray colour with seasonal fawn overtones, shading to lighter tones on the undersides. A slight darkening of the face and ears is permissible. A gradual darkening in older specimens is allowed as long as the coat remains a distinct silver.

Nose Leather: Warm lavender-pink.

Paw Pads: Warm lavender-pink.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Faint barring.

Withhold Awards: Strong Barring. Brown or honey beige on the face, ears, legs, or tail. Kittens with coats that are medium gray instead of a very pale silver Cream coloured cats not showing a definite silvery-gray colour.

RED

Coat: Rich tangerine. Light 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.

Ears: Deeper shade of tangerine than on the back.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Tabby markings on sides and belly.

Withhold Awards: Black spots on nose leather or paw pads.

SABLE

Coat: Rich warm brown which shades almost imperceptibly to a lighter hue on the underparts. Allowance to be made for lighter colour in kittens and adolescents.

Nose Leather: Dark Brown

Paw Pads: Dark Brown.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes. Faint barring.

Withhold Awards: Strong Barring.

TORTIE GENERAL DESCRIPTION: In the FOUR TORTIE COLOURS, the coat may display two shades of its basic colour and may thus appear three or even four colours. The colour may be patched or intermingled. The colour and its distribution is not as important as the type, which should be excellent.

BLUE TORTIE

Coat: Pale tones of blue-gray and cream distributed in well defined patches over the entire cat. Pure and bright. A blaze on the face is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, pink or a mixture of both.

Paw Pads: Blue, pink or a mixture of both.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes.

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CHAMPAGNE TORTIE

Coat: Milk chocolate brown and red distributed in well defined patches over the entire cat. Pure and bright. Blaze on the face is desirable.

Nose Leather: Tan brown, pink or a mixture of both.

Paw Pads: Tan brown, pink or a mixture of both.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes.

PLATINUM TORTIE

Coat: Platinum and pale cream distributed in well defined patches over the entire cat. Pure and bright. A blaze on the face is desirable.

Nose Leather: Lilac/lavender, pink or a mixture of both.

Paw Pads: Lilac/lavender, pink or a mixture of both.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes.

SABLE TORTIE

Coat: Sable and red distributed in well defined patches over the entire cat. Pure and bright. A blaze on the face is desirable.

Nose Leather: Dark brown, pink or a mixture of both.

Paw Pads: Dark brown, pink or a mixture of both.

Eye Colour: Yellow to Amber. Golden yellow preferred.

Objections: Greenish eyes.

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.