

# 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 |
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| * 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.

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| 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

BLUE

CHAMPAGNE

CREAM

PLATINUM

RED

SABLE

### TORTOISESHELL

BLUE TORTIE

CHAMPAGNE TORTIE

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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

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:

- More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw. Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this disqualification.
- 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.
- Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
- Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- 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).
- 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).
- 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.
- Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
- Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- Maloccluded jaws.
- 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.
- Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
- 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.
- 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.
- Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
- If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
- An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
- Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
- 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:

- A weak, receding, or protruding chin is considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile, and balance.
- Allowance should be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
- Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
- Allowance should be made for faint tabby markings in kittens and young cats, except when they are part of the normal colour pattern.
- Allowance should be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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