



TICA Birman Breed Introduction

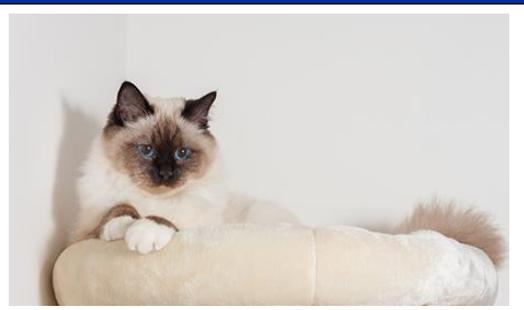
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General Description: The legendary Birman takes your breath away with its stunning pointed, semi-longhaired coat and bewitching deep sapphire blue eyes. The silky coat is light in color and ideally misted with a golden hue. They have white gloves on all four feet and white laces up the back of their hindlegs contrasting with the main point color. These gentle cats have a stocky build and a powerful musculature-keep them in top condition by indulging their love for play!

History: The Birman has a lovely legend about being raised by the Kittah priests in their temple in Burma. The story tells of a golden eyed, white cat that stood guard over his dying holy master and was transformed into a cat with a dark brown head, and dark brown legs & tail, but his coat became a cream color with a golden glow from this master's golden goddess. As the master died and his soul passed on to the cat, the cat's paws and hocks, where he sat on his master's chest, stayed pure white as a sign of his master's purity. As the cat gazed up at the golden goddess, his gold eyes turned to a beautiful sapphire blue, the same as his master's goddess. There are many versions of the legend, and this is just a very short one.

As for fact, the Birman was first recognized and shown in France in the 1920's. England then recognized the breed in 1966. The Birman was first imported into the United States in the 1960's and was recognized and shown in 1967. The Birman breed is now recognized and loved worldwide! This Birman breed has consistently remained in the top ten most favorite cats for many years.



Personality: The Birman is a great family cat. It dwells peacefully within a single cat home or a home with many cat friends. With a constant response from his owner when the cat meows, the Birman will become quite a talker. If you prefer just the quietness of his purr, lack of response will discourage the cat from talking. With lots of love, good food, fond grooming, and proper health care, the Birman makes the greatest buddy, friend, confidant, and all around purrfect pet.

Traits: The Birman is a medium to medium-large longhaired pointed cat with distinctive white gloves and laces. All four feet have white gloves and the back feet have laces extending about halfway up the back leg. The Birman has a long, soft, almost silky single coat. The thickness will vary with seasonal conditions. This coat is of such that it has a tendency not to mat. With good grooming habits on the part of the owner, stray hairs can be combed out weekly. The combing action can be good together time for cat and owner.

Birmans have a distinctive roman nose that, when viewed in profile, starts at the change of direction at the forehead and rises in a hill-shape that goes down at the end with the nose leather low. The chin has good depth and should not be bulbous or receding. The ears are almost as wide at the base as they are tall. They have good width between them. The eyes are medium to large and moderately round, with good width between. The tail is neither long or short, but in balance with the body. This is checked by gently holding the tail along the back so that it reaches the shoulder blades. The body is long and sturdy. The legs should be well muscled and in good proportion to the body.

Birmans come in all pointed colors. There is a color to match anyone's desire. They are all beautiful.....they are all BIRMAN.