

BURMESE/BOMBAY BREED GROUP (BU/BO)

The **Burmese (BU)** is a cat of medium size with substantial bone structure and good muscular development (think “a brick wrapped in silk”) with large golden eyes.

The **Bombay (BO)** is a medium-sized cat with heavy muscle-tone and jet-black shiny coat with large bright copper eyes.

HEAD 38 points

Shape.....	7
Eyes.....	10
Ears.....	5
Chin.....	4
Muzzle.....	3
Nose.....	2
Profile.....	5
Neck.....	2

BODY 35 points

Torso.....	10
Musculature.....	12
Boning.....	8
Legs/Feet.....	3
Tail.....	2

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN .. 27 points

Length.....	9
Texture.....	8
Color.....	10

CATEGORY:

(BU) Sepia.
(BO) Traditional.

DIVISION:

(BU) Solid and Tortoiseshell.
(BO) Solid.

COLOR:

(BU) All.
(BO) Black ONLY.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium in size. Rounded, with no flat planes. Face to be full.

Eyes: Large, round, wide set with considerable width between the eyes, in line with the base of the ear. Eye set, shape and size are more important for the expression than the color. Allowance shall be made for paler color in older cats.

Eye Color:

(BU) Gold—depth of color preferred.
(BO) Copper to gold; copper preferred.

Ears: Medium in size. Wide set, but not flared. Broad at the base with rounded tips. Alert, tilting slightly forward. The placement of the ears contributes to the rounded look of the head.

Chin: Firm, wide, rounded with great depth, reflecting a perfect bite.

Muzzle: Rounded, short, broad, well-developed.

Profile:

(BU) Visible break.
(BO) Visible stop. In profile the head should show good depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw. No flat planes above the nose.

Nose: The bridge of the nose may have a slight bump. The end of the nose shall be rounded down to complement the roundness of the head. Nose should be aligned with the muzzle.

Neck: Short, thick and well-developed.

BODY:

Torso: Medium in size. Fairly compact. Well-balanced, rounded, ample chest. (BO) Torso somewhat longer.

Musculature: Firmly muscled. Surprising weight for its size.

Boning: Sturdy, broad rib cage.

Legs: Sturdy, proportionate.

Feet: Rounded, compact and proportionate to the body.

Tail: Medium in length and in balance with the body. Tapering to rounded tip.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Short.

Texture: Fine, satin-like, close-lying with little to no undercoat. The coat should have a pronounced glossy sheen. Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.

Coat Color:

(BU): Color should be rich and sound to the root, with slight lightening on the underparts. Although a sepia solid color is preferred, allowance should be made for the extremities to be slightly darker than the torso in colors other than sable.

(BO): Dark to the roots. Shimmering, patent leather sheen. Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The overall impression of the ideal Burmese would be a cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, good muscular development and a surprising weight for its size. This together with a rounded head, expressive eyes and a sweet, open expression presents a totally distinctive cat which is comparable to no other breed. The Burmese is a cat of perfect physical condition with excellent muscle tone. There should be no evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness or apathy.

The Bombay originated as a hybrid between the Burmese and the American Shorthair. However, it has distinctive features which separate it from its parent breeds. Created to resemble a “mini-panther”, the Bombay is a medium-size cat, well-balanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing; muscular and deceptively heavy for its size. With its jet black “patent leather” coat, “new copper penny” eyes; solid body and sweet, open expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own.

Both breeds are talkative, vocal and very happy to express their opinions. Judges should expect a mouthy cat that is completely relaxed and unthreatening.

ALLOWANCES: None.

PENALIZE:

(BU): Ranginess, fine boning; long, whippy tail; flat plane to forehead; flared ears; pointed ears; tufts, almond-shaped eyes, oriental slant to the eyes.

(BO): Ranginess, fine boning; long, whippy tail; flat plane to forehead; flared ears; pointed ears, tufts, almond-shaped eyes, oriental slant to the eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

(BU): Green eyes, extreme exotic type of profile; extremely protruding eyes, and/or protruding chin; thick or open-lying coat; lockets.

(BO): Green eyes; extreme exotic type of profile; extremely protruding eyes; and/or protruding chin; thick or open-lying coat; lockets. Nose leather or paw pads other than black.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Improper bite.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.