

BOMBAY (AUSTRALIAN)

GENERAL STANDARD

The Bombay (Australian) cat is an elegant medium foreign type cat, well muscled, with the overall type the same as the Burmese (European) cat. It should not have any tendency toward Siamese type or be heavy or cobby. Males are generally larger than females.

HEAD: Wedge should be short, wide at the jaw-hinge, with good width between the ears and with a gently rounded top. In profile, the head should show good depth from the top of the skull and the lower jaw, the brow should curve gently to the bridge of the nose. A distinct nose break should be apparent.

EARS: Medium in size, wide at base, with a rounded tip and set well apart, continuing the angle of the upper part of the face. In profile, the ears have a slight forward tilt.

EYES: Large, lustrous and expressive, set well apart, on a slightly obliquely set, they should be neither almond nor round. The upper lid forms a slight curve slanting towards the nose, with the lower lid fuller and more rounded. The overall eye shape and set is distinctive, giving an expression unique to the Bombay breed.

NOSE: Moderately short and of even width.

CHEEKS: Well rounded, with good width when viewed front on.

JAWS: Wide at the hinge, strong and gently rounded.

CHIN: Firm of good depth and in a vertical line with tip of nose.

NECK: Medium length and in proportion to the body.

BODY: Medium length and thickness with firm muscle, heavier than it appears, of moderate foreign type. The back is straight from shoulder to rump. The chest should be gently rounded, broad, but not disproportionately so.

LEGS: Medium length with the hind legs slightly longer than the front. Strong, but not heavily boned in proportion to the body.

PAWS: Neat and oval.

TAIL: Medium to long in balance to the body and should be of medium thickness, tapering slightly to a rounded tip.

CONDITION: Excellent muscular condition is required. Any indication that the cat is not in good physical condition or has not had proper grooming should be penalized. The Bombay should be an even-tempered cat.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head (incl. ears)	20
Eyes (shape & size)	10
Body (incl. torso, neck, legs, paws & tail)	25
Coat Colour	20
Coat Texture	10
Eye Colour	10
Condition	5

TOTAL **100**

FAULTS / PENALTIES

REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:

PENALISE:

- Heavy barring, especially on adults.
- Any paling of coat showing Burmese colour restriction.
- Rusty tinge in adult coat, especially black.
- Over long or thick coat.
- Distinct muzzle pinch in adults.
- Flat or dishd brows.
- Protuberant, round or almond shaped eyes.
- Small or close-set eyes.
- Distinct bump on nose in adults.

WITHHOLD:

- White markings anywhere.
- Too cobby or too oriental in type.

COAT AND COLOUR

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE: The coat of the Bombay (Australian) should be short, glossy, fine and lying close to the body.

COAT COLOUR: Jet black and glossy, sound to the roots. White lockets or buttons are a disqualification. Coat colour must be sound. Coat colour in kittens will be slower to develop and they should not be penalized for this.

EYE COLOUR: Gold or yellow through to green. Gold or a rich yellow preferred.

NOSE LEATHER, PAW PADS: Black.

AOC: Blue, Lilac and Chocolate (Not for show purposes)

BREEDING NOTES

The Bombay (Australian) is progeny derived from a mating of European Burmese and British Shorthair.

Allowable outcrosses - European Burmese and British Shorthair (Dilute and Chocolate not acceptable).