BOMBAY (AMERICAN)

GENERAL STANDARD

The Bombay was originated as a hybrid between the American Burmese and the American Shorthair. With its jet-black, gleaming coat, gold to copper eyes, solid body and sweet facial expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own. It is not a natural breed, but a genetic hybrid, with distinctive features that separate it from its foundation (parent) breeds. The Bombay is a medium sized cat, well balanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing, muscular and having surprising weight for its size. Males are generally larger than females.

HEAD: Full, rounded, with no sharp angles, broad with breadth between the eyes, blending gently into a broad well developed moderately rounded muzzle that maintains the rounded contours of the head. In profile there should be a distinct nose stop. This should be an indentation at the bridge of the nose between the eyes, thus providing a change of direction from the rounded head to the medium rounded muzzle. It should not present a pugged or snubbed look.

EARS: Medium in size, set well apart on a rounded skull, alert, tilting slightly forward, broad at the base, and with slightly rounded tips.

EYES: Medium sized, set far apart, with rounded aperture.

NOSE: Moderately short of even width, with the end slightly rounded down, thus completing the roundness of the head.

CHEEKS: Broad, full and well rounded.

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

CHIN: Firm of good depth and well developed.

NECK: Strong, and well muscled, especially in males. In proportion to the body.

BODY: Medium in size, muscular and well balanced. Neither compact nor rangy.

LEGS: In proportion to the body and tail.

PAWS: Round and firm.

TAIL: Straight, medium in length.

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.

SCALE OF POINTS.

Head (incl. shape, profile, muzzle, chin, ears, eye shape)	30
Body (incl. torso, neck, legs, paws, tail)	20
Coat (incl. shortness, texture & sheen)	20
Coat Colour	15
Eye colour	10
Condition	5
TOTAL	**100**

FAULTS / PENALTIES

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

PENALISE:

- Excessive cobbiness or ranginess
- Unevenness of coat colour or texture

WITHHOLD:

- Extreme nose break that interferes with normal breathing or tearing of eyes.
- Nose leather or paw pads other than black.
- Green eye colour
- Lockets or spots

COAT AND COLOUR

COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE: The jet-black coat of the Bombay is a feature of the breed. The coat is fine, short, close lying with satin like texture and shimmering 'patent leather' sheen.

COAT COLOUR: A mature specimen should be black to the roots. Kitten coats should darken and become sleeker with age. Nose leather and paw pads black.

EYE COLOUR: Is ranging from gold to copper, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

BREEDING NOTES

The American Burmese is the only breeding partner to the Bombay.

Black is the only registrable colour.

Sable (Brown) may only be registered AOV if necessary as a breeding partner.