



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 penalised.

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 & Colour

Coat Length & 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.
Eye Colour	Is ranging from gold to copper, the greater depth and brilliance the better.
Nose Leather / Paw Pads	Nose leather and paw pads black.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

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

Notes

Black is the only registrable colour.

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

Standard Updates

March 2023 – Standard reformatted. This reformatted standard includes all previous updates and amendments.

For information on previous standard updates and amendments, please see the Register of Breed Standards Updates on the CCCA website or contact the CCCA Secretary.

19 November 2023 - "Foundation" section removed as this was not approved for inclusion in the reformatted standard.