



# Burmese (American)

## General Standard

*The Burmese of American origin is a medium cat 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 expression presents a totally distinctive cat that is comparable to no other breed. Males are generally larger than females.*

<b>Head</b>	Pleasingly rounded without flat planes whether viewed from the front or side. The face is full with considerable breadth between the eyes and blends gently into a broad, well developed short muzzle that maintains the rounded contours of the head. In profile there is a visible nose break. The head sits on a well-developed neck.
<b>Ears</b>	Medium in size, set well apart, broad at the base, and rounded at the tips. Tilting slightly forward, the ears contribute to an alert appearance.
<b>Eyes</b>	Large, expressive, set well apart, with rounded aperture.
<b>Nose</b>	Moderately short of even width, with the end slightly rounded down, thus completing the roundness of the head.
<b>Cheeks</b>	Broad and well rounded.
<b>Jaws</b>	Wide at the hinge, strong and rounded.
<b>Chin</b>	Firmly rounded and well developed.
<b>Neck</b>	Short, thick and heavily muscled, especially in males.
<b>Body</b>	Medium in size, muscular in development.
<b>Legs</b>	Medium size and well-proportioned to body.
<b>Paws</b>	Round and firm.
<b>Tail</b>	Straight, medium in length.
<b>Condition</b>	Perfect physical condition with excellent muscle tone.

## Scale of Points

Head (incl. ears, eyes, nose, muzzle, shape)	30	
Body (incl. muscle tone, torso, neck, legs, paws, tail)	25	
Coat (incl. close lying, short & texture)	15	
Coat Colour	20	
Eye Colour	5	
Condition	5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## Faults & Penalties

*Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:*

### Penalise:

- **Wedge shaped head with elongated muzzle.**
- **Sleek oriental appearance.**
- **Green eye colour.**
- **Distinct barring on front or rear outer legs (trace permitted on kittens).**

### Withhold:

- Locket or spots.
- Incorrect nose leather or paw pad colour.
- Blue eye colour.
- Distinct barring on torso.
- Any other colour than the four accepted colours.

### Coat & Colour

<b>Coat Length &amp; Texture</b>	The coat on the American Burmese is fine, glossy with satin like texture: short and very close lying.
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### Sable (Brown)

<b>Coat Colour</b>	Rich warm sable brown, shading almost imperceptibly to a slight lighter hue on the under parts, but with otherwise without shading, barring or markings of any kind in a mature adult cat. Kittens are often lighter in colour.
<b>Nose leather</b>	Brown.
<b>Paw pads</b>	Brown.
<b>Eye colour</b>	Ranges from gold to yellow, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

### Blue

<b>Coat Colour</b>	Medium blue with warm fawn undertones, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the under-parts, but otherwise without shadings, barring or markings of any kind in a mature adult cat.
<b>Nose leather</b>	Slate grey.
<b>Paw pads</b>	Ranging from slate grey to warm pinkish blue.
<b>Eye colour</b>	Ranges from gold to yellow, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

### Champagne (Chocolate)

<b>Coat Colour</b>	Warm honey beige, shading to a pale gold tan underside, Slight darkening on ears and face permissible but lesser shading preferred. A slight darkening on an older cat allowed, the emphasis being on evenness of colour.
<b>Nose leather</b>	Light warm brown.
<b>Paw pads</b>	Warm pinkish tan.
<b>Eye colour</b>	Ranges from gold to yellow, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

### Platinum (Lilac)

<b>Coat Colour</b>	Pale silvery grey with pale fawn undertones, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the under parts, but with otherwise without shading, barring or markings of any kind in a mature adult cat.
<b>Nose leather</b>	Lavender pink.
<b>Paw pads</b>	Lavender pink.
<b>Eye colour</b>	Ranges from gold to yellow, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

### Breeding Notes

#### ***Allowable Outcross***

None

## **Notes**

Sable (Brown) may be used as a breeding partner for the American Bombay

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## **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.