



Burmilla Longhair & Burmilla Shorthair

General Standard

The Burmilla is an active, muscular cat of medium foreign type with striking contrast between the coloured shading/tipping and the silver undercoat. It has a short, silky sparkling shaded or tipped silver coat. It is similar to the Burmese, though it is a slightly larger cat. Males are generally larger than females.

The Burmilla Longhair has a semi long sparkling shaded or tipped silver coat.

Head	A gently rounded top with medium width between the ears. It is wide at eyebrow level and jaw hinge and has a medium short blunt wedge. The profile shows a gentle nose break and a chin of good depth, with the tip of the nose and chin in line.
Ears	Medium to large, broad at the base with slightly rounded tips. The outer line of the ear continues the curved line of the face, though this may be less obvious in males, who develop a fuller cheek. In profile, the ears have a slight forward tilt.
Eyes	Large, expressive and placed well apart in a slightly curved setting. The curved upper line is angled towards the nose, with a more fully curved lower line.
Nose	Moderately short and broad, without tapering. A bump on the end of the nose is undesirable. In profile, there is a gentle nose break.
Cheeks	Well rounded, with males developing fuller cheeks that may appear to be outside the curved lines of the face.
Jaws	Strong and gently rounded, creating a medium short, blunt wedge, but fitting into the rounded contour of the head.
Chin	Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.
Neck	Strong and of medium length, in proportion to the body and complementing the muscular tone of the body.
Body	Muscular, medium in size and length. The chest is rounded and of medium width. The back is straight.
Legs	Slender, but strong-boned. The hind legs are slightly longer than the forelegs.
Paws	Neat and oval.
Tail	SHORTHAIR: Medium to long, in proportion to the body. It has medium thickness at the base and tapering slightly to a rounded tip. LONGHAIR: Medium to long, in proportion to the body. It has medium thickness at the base and tapers slightly to a rounded tip, carrying a full plume.
Condition	Gives the impression of an active, muscular cat that is heavier than it looks.

Scale of Points

Head & Ears	25	
Eye Shape & Set	10	35
Body, neck, legs, paws and tail	25	25
Coat length and texture	15	
Coat colour and shading/tipping	10	25
Eye Colour	10	10
Condition	5	5
Total		100

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Faults:

- Weak chin.
- Cobby or Oriental type.
- Coat too long or shaggy.
- Cobby or oriental body.
- Rufousing in coat.

Withhold:

- Incorrect eye colour in adults.
- Any tendency to Persian or Exotic type.

Coat & Colour

Coat Length & Texture	SHORTHAIK: Coat is short with a silky texture. It is smooth lying, with sufficient undercoat to give a slight lift. LONGHAIR: The semi longhair coat is not of uniform length over the whole body, but has a sculptured appearance being of medium length on the body giving a layered appearance, except over the shoulders, where there is a slightly shorter, closer lying coat. Preference is given to a full bib, britches and tail plume. Texture is very soft, extremely fine and silky with a sparkling appearance.
Eye Colour	The same for all Burmilla coat colours. i.e. luminous, any shade of green is allowed, but clear green is preferred. A yellow tinge is acceptable in kittens and young cats. The rims of the eyes are outlined in harmony with the coat colour.

SHADED SILVER COAT PATTERN: A coloured mantle shades evenly down from the neck and back to the sides and tail. The chin, throat, chest, stomach, inner sides of the legs and the undersides of the tail are pure, silver white. The fur on the underside of the paws is the colour of the shading, on the back of the hind feet the shading colour may extend up to as far as the joint. The body is free from tabby markings in adults, but allowance may be made for such markings in kittens. Faint tabby markings on the outer legs and tail are acceptable. Evenness of shading is more important than the colour.

Coat Colours

Black Shaded Silver

Coat	Shaded and tipped with black, with sparkling, silver white ground colour.
Nose Leather	Brick red, outlined in black. Lips are black.
Paw Pads & Soles	Black.
Tip of Tail	Black.

Brown Shaded Silver

Coat	Shaded and tipped with black, with sparkling, silver white ground colour.
Nose Leather	Brick red, outlined in seal brown. Lips are seal brown.
Paw Pads & Soles	Seal brown.
Tip of Tail	Seal brown.

Blue Shaded Silver

Coat	Shaded and tipped with blue, with sparkling, silver white ground colour.
Nose Leather	Dusty rose, outlined in blue. Lips are blue-grey.
Paw Pads & Soles	Blue grey.
Tip of Tail	Blue.

Chocolate Shaded Silver

Coat	Shaded and tipped with chocolate, with sparkling silver white ground colour.
Nose Leather	Dusty pink, outlined in chocolate. Lips are chocolate.
Paw Pads & Soles	Chocolate.
Tip of Tail	Chocolate.

Lilac Shaded Silver

Coat	Shaded and tipped with lilac, with sparkling silver white ground colour.
Nose Leather	Lavender pink, outlined in lilac. Lips are lavender pink
Paw Pads	Lavender pink.
Soles	Dove grey tinged with pink.
Tip of Tail	Lilac.

TIPPED SILVER COAT PATTERN: The pattern is the same as for the Shaded Silvers but giving a much lighter impression overall. The markings on the face are fainter and the hocks and soles are not fully coloured.

GOLDEN: Ground colour to be any shade of cream from pale to warm, more intense on the face and back and lighter on the chin, ear furnishings, down the flanks, on the belly and underside of the tail. Whisker pads, chin and chest may be light to deep cream. Hairs are tipped/shaded with the appropriate colour.

Faults: Ground colour too light (bordering on white).

Grey undercoat

Tabby markings.

COAT COLOURS: As for the Silver tipped: Black, Brown, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac.

NOTE: *There will be a variation in expression of the dilute colours in Shaded, Tipped Silvers and Golden.*

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

Silver tipped Persian and Exotic cats and the European Burmese with no loss of generation.

Notes

None

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.

31 August 2024 – Changed reference to Chinchilla to Silver tipped.