

## BIRMAN (SACRED CAT OF BURMA)

The Sacred Cat of Burma is a longhaired, pointed cat with distinctive white feet. They are imposing in appearance, medium to large in size.

### I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(15) BODY – Medium to large in size, sturdy, stocky, long and massive. Boning is heavy and in proportion to size.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, heavy, well muscled and thick set. Paws are large, round and firm.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and in proportion to the body. Bushy and carried erect.

### II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(5) FRONT VIEW – Strong, broad and rounded. Cheeks full, cheekbones are high and prominent. Muzzle, medium in length and width, in proportion to size of head. Jaws are heavy. Chin is full and well developed forming a perpendicular line with the upper lip.

(5) PROFILE – Slightly longer than wide. Forehead slopes back with slight flat spot in middle of forehead jut in front of the ears. Top head is rounded. A definite stop (no break) between forehead and Roman nose.

(5) NOSE – Roman in shape, medium in length with nostrils set low.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, almost as wide at base as tall, round tipped, spaced well apart and set as much on the side as on the top of the head.

(5) EYES – Oval but may be slightly almond shaped. Large but not bugged. Set wide apart, back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Blue, the deeper and more violet, the better.

### III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Medium long to long, silky, slightly curly on stomach. The texture is such that the coat does not matt. Heavy ruff around the neck is desirable.

### IV – COLOUR (30)

(5) BODY – Even with subtle shading when allowed. There must be a strong contrast between body colour and point colour.

(10) POINTS – The mask (face), ears, legs and tail have colour that is dense, clearly defined and of the same shade. On reaching maturity, the mask covers the entire face including whisker pads and is connected to ears by tracings.

(5) FRONT PAWS – Pure white symmetrical gloves ending in an even line across the paw. Ideally, the gloves should extend as high and not beyond the third joint (the angle formed by the paw and leg). Colour of paw pads is irrelevant.

(5) BACK PAWS – Pure white gloves covering the entire paw. May extend up somewhat higher than front gloves.

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(5) LACES – Gloves on the back paws extend up the back of the leg and end in a point or inverted 'V' just below the hock (laces). Laces may not extend above the hock and lower laces (1/4 to 3/4) are acceptable. Evenly matched gloves and laces are desirable.

### V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

The appearance of an alert, healthy cat is essential. Musculature should be firm and well toned. Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size. The balanced cat will show harmony of line throughout. Birman cats are to be gentle, playful and amenable to handling.

### OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

\*White that does not run across the paws in a straight line. 1-3

\*Gloves or laces that are not symmetrical. 2-5

\*Runners (streaks of white extending from the gloves) that extend beyond the dew claws on the back of the front legs. 1-3

\*Siamese or Persian type head. 3-6

\*Straight nose. 1-3

\*Pale blue eye colour. 1-3

### WITHHOLDS

\*Lack of white gloves on any foot.

\*Coloured toes/free spots of colour in the white area.

\*Areas of pure white anywhere other than gloves and laces.

\*Laces that extend above the hock.

\*The complete absence of laces on one or both back legs.

\*All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

### RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN: Hybrid

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: No Foundation Allowed

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: No Foundation Allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Birman, Himalayan,

Colourpoint Shorthair

ALLOWED MATINGS: Birman