

BIRMAN (BI)



HEAD35 points
Shape5
Ears5
Eyes5
Chin5
Muzzle5
Nose5
Profile5

BODY 25 points
Torso 5
Legs 5
Feet 5
Boning 5
Musculature 5

**COAT/COLOR/
PATTERN** . . . 30 points
Length 5
Texture 5
Pattern 10
Color 10

OTHER 10 points
Balance 5
Condition 5

CATEGORY: Pointed.
DIVISIONS: Solid Point/
White, Tortie Point/White,
Tabby Point/White and
Silver and/or Smoke
Point /White, gloved
pattern only.
COLORS: All.
PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Strong, broad, and rounded from frontal view; slightly longer than wide in profile. Full cheeks.

Ears: Almost as wide at the base as they are tall. Open at the base with slightly rounded tip, medium in size, and placed moderately far apart with furnishings.

Eyes: Medium to large, moderately rounded, and set fairly wide apart. Blue in color, the deeper the better.

Chin: Good depth, forming a perpendicular line with upper lip.

Muzzle: Medium length, with enough width to prevent a pinched look.

Nose: Medium in length and roman in shape with low set nostrils.

Profile: The forehead is sloped back with a slight transverse flat spot in the middle of the forehead just above the eye ridge. There is a change of direction between the forehead and the roman nose.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to Large full-bodied, medium long, sturdy. Back level. Strong well muscled neck. thicker on breeding males. In all respects, males are generally larger than females.

Legs: Medium long and heavily boned, well- muscled, and in good proportion to the body.

Feet: Large, rounded, and firm.

Tail: The tail is full and in good proportion to the body.

Musculature: Firm and strong.

COAT:

Length: Semi-long to long.

Texture: Silky with no undercoat.

Miscellaneous: Heavy ruff is desirable, especially in males. Fur can be slightly curly on the stomach. Seasonal changes should be considered when judging coat length.

PATTERN: Gloves and Laces: All Birman should have white feet. Front paws have white gloves, preferably ending in an evenline across paws at third joint (where toes meet paws). The back paws have white gloves covering the front of each paw, extending up the back of the legs ending in a point approximately half way up the hock ("laces"). Evenly matched gloves and laces give a more balanced look, but variations are allowed. The paw pads may be all pink or spotted with color the same as the points. Gloves and Laces are weighted equally in

evaluation. Although the Gloves and Laces are important aspects of the Birman, they are secondary to conformation.

COLOR: Birman are pointed in all colors. Coat color and point color are weighted equally in evaluation.

OTHER:

Balance: The Birman is a well-balanced cat, not extreme in any way.

Condition: Top health condition, Clean, well-groomed coat and body.

ALLOWANCES: Older cats may showing more shading or darkening of the coat color, Freckles on the lip and/or ear areas in the Red Factor points is allowed. Paw pads spotted with color is allowed. Lockets.

PENALIZE: Areas of white extending above the level of the dew pad on the rear of the front leg, lack of one or both laces, free spots of point color in gloves or laces (excluding the paw pads).

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Lack of any white on any foot, and free areas of white in the mask, ears, or tail.