

THE BIRMAN BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STANDARD OF POINTS FOR BIRMANS, BREED NUMBERS 13c1 to 13c20

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD:

- Head:** Skull strong, broad and rounded. Nose medium in length (no 'stop' but with slight dip in profile). Cheeks full and round. Chin full and well developed, slightly tapered but not receding.
- Ears:** Medium in size and spaced well apart.
- Eyes:** Almost round but not bold. Blue in colour, the deeper the blue the better.
- Body:** Long and massive
- Legs and Paws:** Legs of medium length and thick-set, paws short and strong.
- Tail:** Bushy, medium in length and proportion to the body.
- Coat & Condition:** Coat long, silken in texture, full ruff around the neck, slightly curled on stomach. The cat should be well grown, the frame (skeleton) should be strong, well covered and muscular. Eyes bright and temperament good.
- Colour:** The distinguishing colours of the Birman are those of the Siamese. Mask, ears, legs and tail dense and clearly defined (except in kittens). On reaching maturity, the mask covers the entire face including whisker pads and is connected to the ears by tracings.

The white feet are characteristic of the Birman:

- Front Paws:** Have pure white symmetrical gloves ending in an even line across the paw and not passing beyond the angle formed by the paw and leg, and not passing the stopper pad just behind the leg. Colour of the paw pads irrelevant.
- Back Paws:** Have pure white socks covering the entire paw and gauntlets tapering up the back of the leg to finish just below the point of the hock. Colour of the paw pads irrelevant.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head and ears	20
Eyes	15
Body, Legs & paws	20
Gloves & Gauntlets	20
Tail	5
Colour and Condition of Coat	<u>20</u>
	<u>100</u>

Withhold Certificates (Adults) and First Prizes (Kittens) in Open Classes for:

1. Coloured toes/spots in the white area.
2. The complete absence of a gauntlet on one or both back legs.
3. Incorrect eye colour.
4. Persian or Siamese type head.
5. Runners (streaks of white) on the front of the front legs or extending beyond the 'stopper' pad on the sides and/or back of the front legs.
6. Grossly asymmetric foot markings.
7. Spots or patches of white (excluding the gloves and gauntlets) appearing anywhere on the body, particularly chin and chest.
Note: Since the colour of the paw pads is irrelevant, an area of white on the front feet that is attached to a large pad, which is itself coloured, should not be viewed as a spot.
8. With hold certificates and 1st prizes in kittens, for lack of pigmentation on nose leather and/or philtrum on seal, blue, chocolate and lilac point Birmans. (nose leather should tone with points colour)
9. Any other defect as listed in the preface to the GCCF SOP booklet.