



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Standard of Points

BIRMAN – SBI (Page revised February 2011)

The Birman has a Himalayan pointed coat pattern and distinguishes itself as a breed apart from other pointed breeds by the characteristic white areas on the paws. The head is full cheeked with tapering rounded muzzle. Body is rather long and appears stocky and low on legs. The Birman is an intelligent and gentle cat.

HEAD	Skull strong, broad and rounded with full cheeks. There is a slight flat area between eyes and ears. Muzzle slightly tapered. Chin firm.	
NOSE	Medium length without stop but with a slight indentation.	
EARS	Medium in size, widely spaced with rounded tips.	
EYES	Almost round set well apart, very slightly slanted. Colour: Clear Blue	
NECK	Should show a full ruff.	
BODY	Long and well developed. Neither svelte nor cobby.	
LEGS	Medium short and strong.	
PAWS	Rounded.	
TAIL	Medium length, in proportion to body. Bushy.	
COAT	Semi-long and silky in texture. Fur on underparts slightly curly. Very little undercoat. PATTERN The pattern is that of a pointed cat with white paws (gloves). GLOVES Pure white symmetrical gloves on front feet, which should not pass beyond the angle formed by paw and leg. Pure white gauntlets on hind feet ending just short of the hock.	
FAULTS	Pure white or coloured patches on chest or stomach. White runners creeping up from gloves. Faults precluding an award Absence of gauntlets on hind feet. White patching in the coloured areas or vice versa. A white patch on the genitals. Grossly asymmetrical gloves.	
SCALE OF POINTS	Head, Ears, Eyes	20
	Body, Legs, Tail	20
	Coat and Texture	10
	Coat colour and points	15
	Gloves / Gauntlets	20
	Overall balance	10
	Condition	5

BIRMAN COLOURS

Body colour pale egg-shell shade with slight shading to match point colour.

The back is golden beige in all colour varieties.

Paw Pads may be mottled with point colour.

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