

# BOMBAY (AMERICAN)

## GENERAL STANDARD

*The Bombay was originated as a hybrid between the American Burmese and the American Shorthair. With its jet-black, gleaming coat, gold to copper eyes, solid body and sweet facial expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own. It is not a natural breed, but a genetic hybrid, with distinctive features that separate it from its foundation (parent) breeds. The Bombay is a medium sized cat, well balanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing, muscular and having surprising weight for its size. Males are generally larger than females.*

**HEAD:** Full, rounded, with no sharp angles, broad with breadth between the eyes, blending gently into a broad well developed moderately rounded muzzle that maintains the rounded contours of the head. In profile there should be a distinct nose stop. This should be an indentation at the bridge of the nose between the eyes, thus providing a change of direction from the rounded head to the medium rounded muzzle. It should not present a pugged or snubbed look.

**EARS:** Medium in size, set well apart on a rounded skull, alert, tilting slightly forward, broad at the base, and with slightly rounded tips.

**EYES:** Medium sized, set far apart, with rounded aperture.

**NOSE:** Moderately short of even width, with the end slightly rounded down, thus completing the roundness of the head.

**CHEEKS:** Broad, full and well rounded.

**JAWS:** Wide at the hinge, strong and gently rounded.

**CHIN:** Firm of good depth and well developed.

**NECK:** Strong, and well muscled, especially in males. In proportion to the body.

**BODY:** Medium in size, muscular and well balanced. Neither compact nor rangy.

**LEGS:** In proportion to the body and tail.

**PAWS:** Round and firm.

**TAIL:** Straight, medium in length.

**CONDITION:** Excellent muscular condition is required. Any indication that the cat is not in good physical condition or has not had proper grooming should be penalized.

## SCALE OF POINTS.

<b>Head</b> (incl. shape, profile, muzzle, chin, ears, eye shape)	30
<b>Body</b> (incl. torso, neck, legs, paws, tail)	20
<b>Coat</b> (incl. shortness, texture & sheen)	20
<b>Coat Colour</b>	15
<b>Eye colour</b>	10
<b>Condition</b>	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## FAULTS / PENALTIES

**REFER TO GENERAL LIST OF FAULTS FOR ALL BREEDS, PLUS:**

**PENALISE:**

- Excessive cobbiness or ranginess
- Unevenness of coat colour or texture

**WITHHOLD:**

- Extreme nose break that interferes with normal breathing or tearing of eyes.
- Nose leather or paw pads other than black.
- Green eye colour
- Lockets or spots

## COAT AND COLOUR

**COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE:** The jet-black coat of the Bombay is a feature of the breed. The coat is fine, short, close lying with satin like texture and shimmering 'patent leather' sheen.

**COAT COLOUR:** A mature specimen should be black to the roots. Kitten coats should darken and become sleeker with age. Nose leather and paw pads black.

**EYE COLOUR:** Is ranging from gold to copper, the greater depth and brilliance the better.

## BREEDING NOTE

*The American Burmese is the only breeding partner to the Bombay.*

*Black is the only registrable colour.*

*Sable (Brown) may only be registered AOV if necessary as a breeding partner.*