

# The Birman (Sacred Cat of Burma)

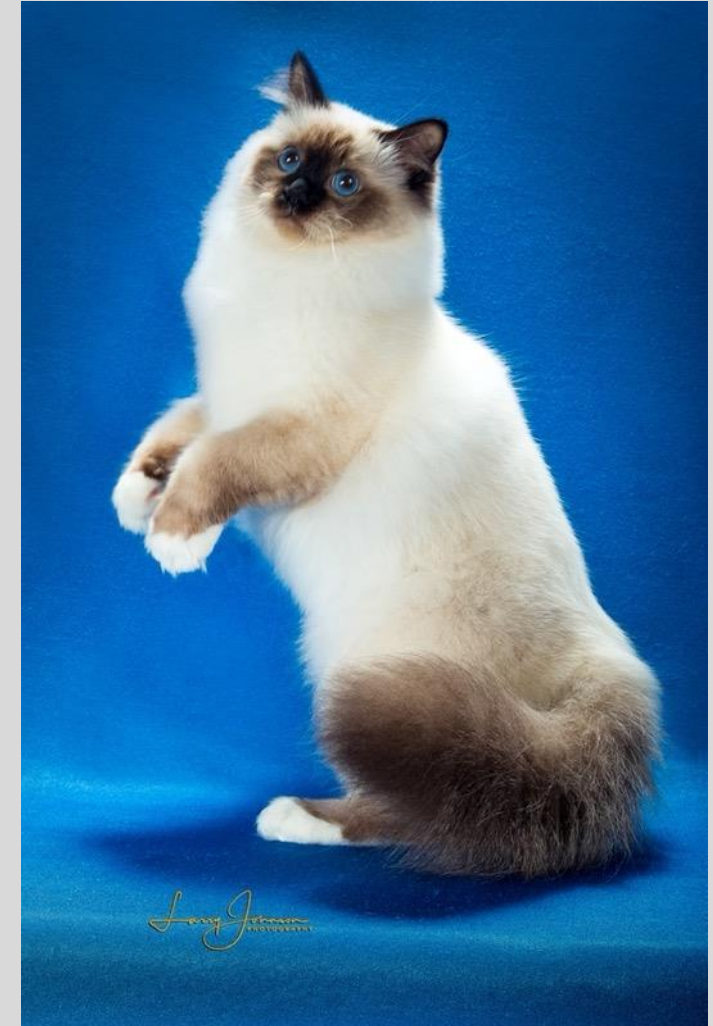


# ESSENCE OF THE BIRMAN



## *A cat of mystery and legend...*

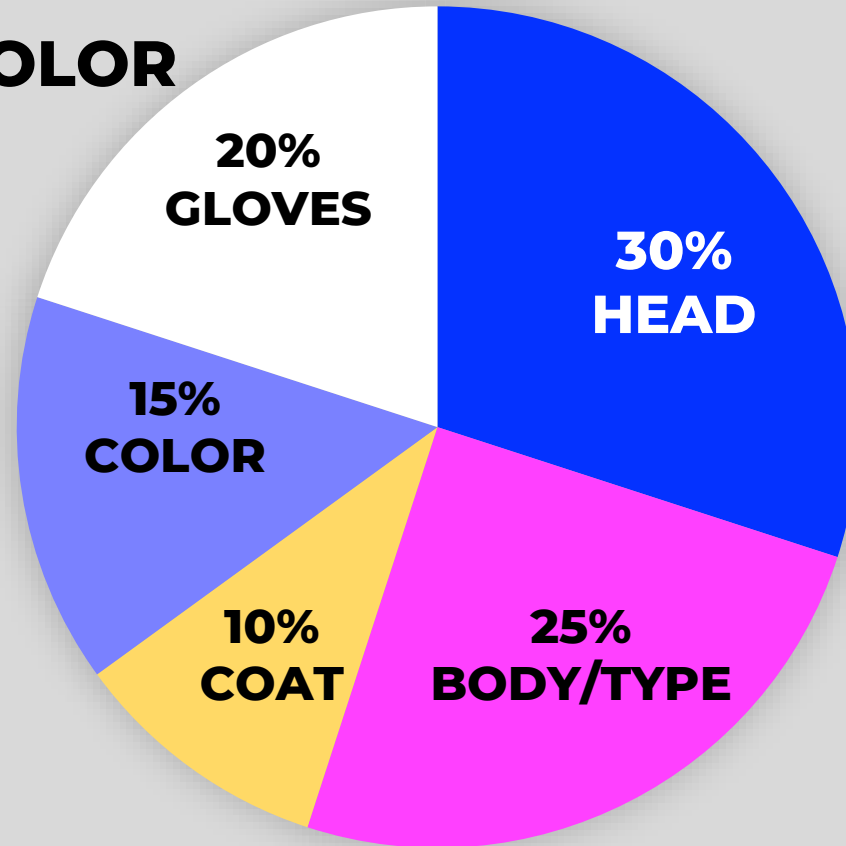
- A color-pointed cat with long silky hair and four pure white feet
- An elongated and stocky body, strongly built
- A strong jaw, firm chin, and medium-length Roman nose
  - Good width between the medium-sized ears
  - Blue, almost round eyes set well apart, giving the face a sweet expression



# POINT BREAKDOWN



**COLOR – INCL. EYE COLOR**  
**35%**



**HEAD, BODY, TYPE & COAT**  
**65%**

# HEAD

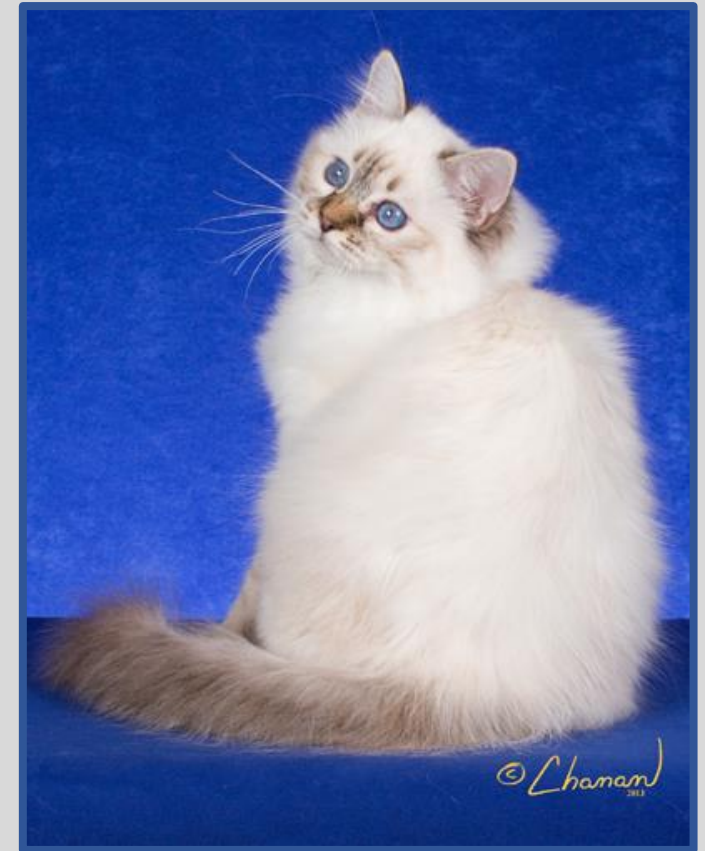
- FOREHEAD slopes back and is slightly convex, with a slight flat spot on the forehead in between the ears.
- NOSE is Roman (slightly convex) in shape and profile.
- CHEEKS: full, somewhat rounded muzzle.
- MUZZLE to be neither short and blunted.
- CHIN: strong, well-developed.
- EARS: medium in length. Almost as wide at the base as tall.





# BODY

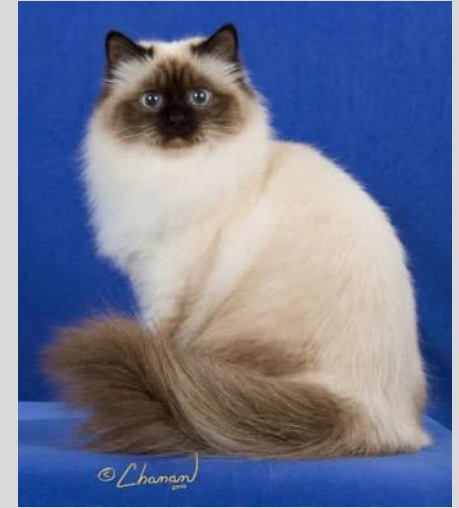
- BODY: elongated and stocky, with a good muscular feel.
- LEGS: medium in length and heavy.
  - PAWS: large, round, and firm.
- TAIL: medium in length, in proportion to the body.



# COLOR

**Body:** even, with subtle shading, a strong contrast between body color and points.

- Points **except for gloves:** mask, ears, legs, and tail dense and clearly defined, all of the same shade.
- Mask covers the entire face, inc. whisker pads, & is connected to ears by tracings.
- No ticking or white hair in points.
- Golden Mist: desirable in all points colors is the “golden mist,” a faint golden beige cast on the back and sides.
- EYES: almost round with a sweet expression.
  - Set well apart, outer corner tilted VERY slightly upward.
  - Blue in color, the deeper, more vivid blue, the better.



# COLOR

## BACK PAWS:

- The white glove covers all the toes and may extend up somewhat higher than the front gloves.

## LACES:

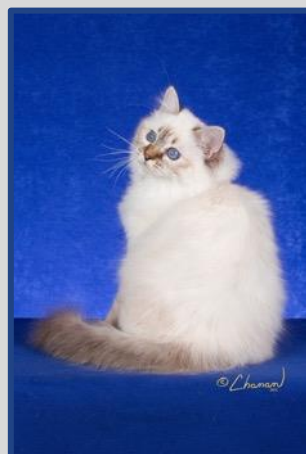
- The gloves on the back paws must extend up the back of the hock and are called laces in this area. Ideally, the laces end in a point or inverted “V” and extend  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the hock.
- Lower or higher laces are acceptable but should not go beyond the hock.

**The symmetry of the rear gloves and two laces is desirable**





# COLORS





# PENALIZE/DISQUALIFY



## PENALIZE

- White that does not run across the front paws in an even line.
- Lack of white on all front toes.
- Persian or Siamese type head.
- Delicate bone structure.
- White shading on stomach and chest.
- Lack of laces on one or both back gloves.
- White beyond the metacarpal (dew) pad.

## DISQUALIFY

- Lack of white gloves on any paw.
- Areas of pure white in the points, if not connected to the gloves and part of or an extension of the gloves.
- Paw pads are part of the gloves.
  - *Areas of white connected to other areas of white by paw pads (of any color) are not cause for disqualification.*
- Discrete areas of point color in the gloves, if not connected to point color of the legs (exception paw pads).
- White on back legs beyond the hock.
- Eye color other than blue.
- White tail tips or chin spots.