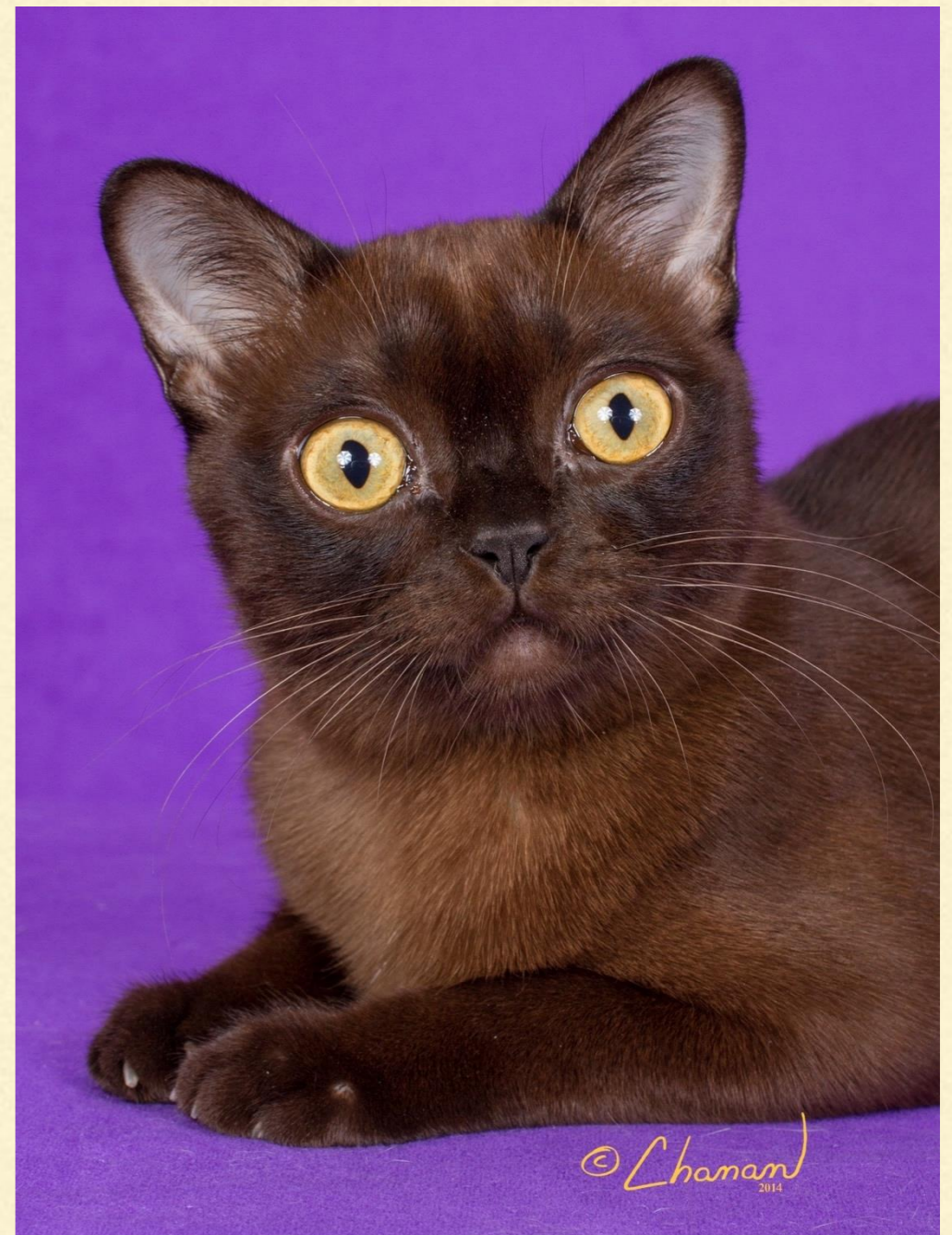


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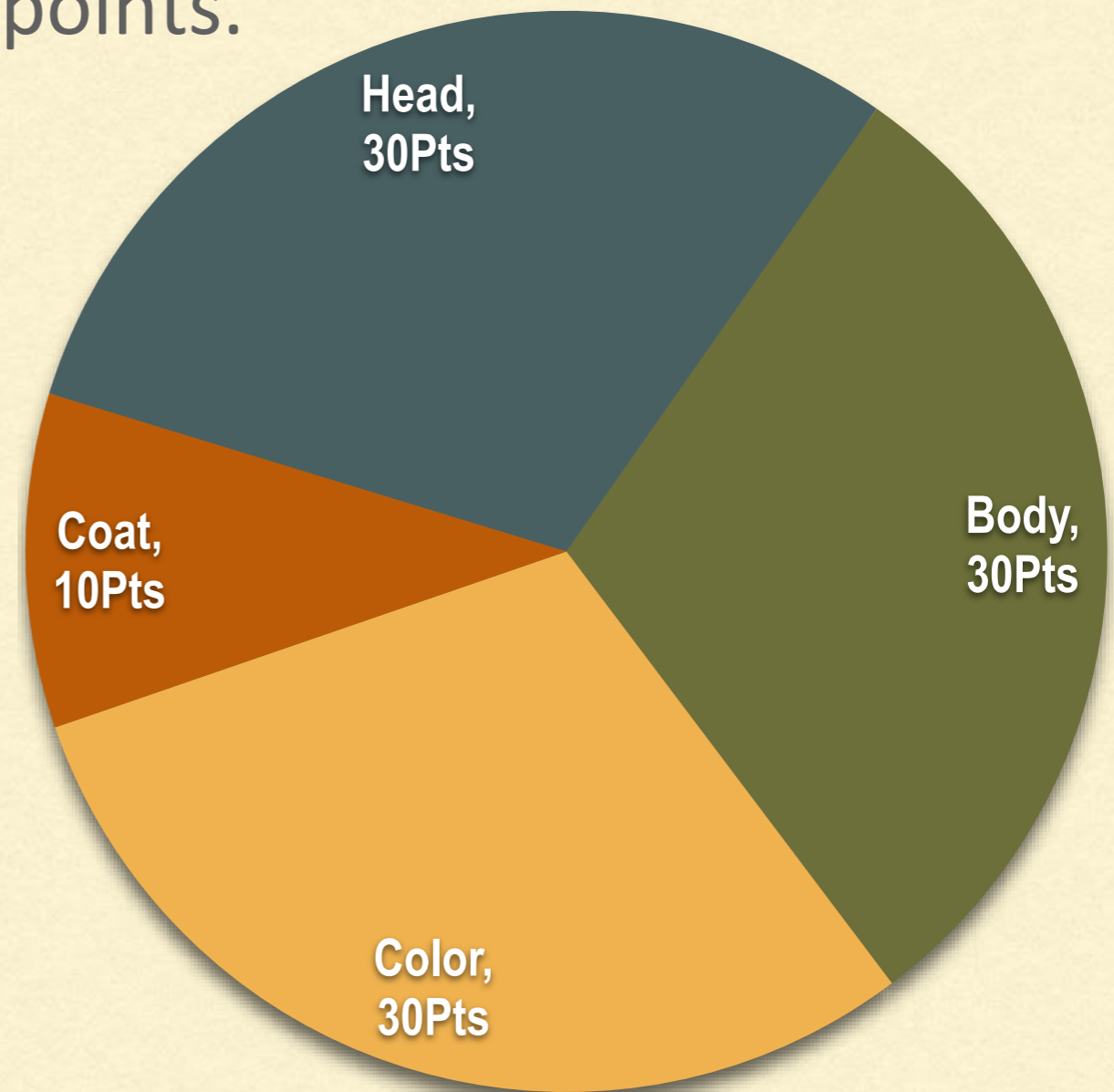
An Abridged Guide To The Burmese Breed  
Presented By The Burmese Breed Council



## Point Allocation

- Head, Ears and Eyes - 30 points.
- Body, Legs, Feet and Tail - 30 points.
- Coat - 10 points.
- Color - 30 points.

Note that the Head, Body and Color are equally weighted



## General Impression

- The Burmese is a Medium Size Cat.
- Has Substantial Bone Structure.
- Has Excellent Muscle Development
- Carries a Surprising Amount of Weight For Its Size.
- Has Expressive Eyes - Large, bright and Attentive.
- Has a Rounded Head.
- Has a Sweet Look.
- Is Not Obese, Paunchy, Weak or Apathetic in Appearance.

## Penalize

- Distinct barring on either the front or rear outer legs. Faint barring allowed in kittens and young adults.
- Elongated muzzle with severe narrowing leading to a wedge shaped head.
- Green eyes.
- Abnormal tail.

## Disqualify

- Kinked tail, lockets or spots
- Blue eyes and/or crossed eyes
- Incorrect nose leather or paw pad color
- Malocclusion of the jaw resulting in a severe underbite or overbite. Any malformation that results in protruding teeth or a wry face or jaw
- Distinct barring on torso.
- Any color other than the accepted sable, champagne, blue and platinum.

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## Head, Ears and Eyes - 30 points

- Roundness of head - 7 points
- Breadth between eyes and full face - 6 points
- Proper profile including chin - 6 points
- Ear set, placement and size - 6 points
- Eye placement and shape - 5 points



## Profile

These Burmese Have A Proper Profile.



There is a good visible nose break. The head is nicely rounded. The ears tilt slightly forward as desired. The head sits on a well developed neck. Both cats have excellent eye color.

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## Body, Legs, Feet and Tail - 30 points

- Torso - 15 points
- Muscle tone - 5 points
- Legs and feet - 5 points
- Tail - 5 points



## Coat - 10 points

- Short - 4 points
- Texture - 4 points
- Close lying - 2 points

## Color - 30 points

- Body color - 25 points
  - Body color has the single greatest number of points assigned to it.
  - Burmese color is characterized as solid but actually has a temperature dependence. Less than mink and much less than pointed but more than black.
  - The 4 colors, Sable, Champagne, Blue and Platinum must be distinct in their appearance.
  - Penalize distinct barring on the legs. Faint barring is allowed on kittens.

## Sable

- Mature specimens have a rich, warm sable brown color.
- Kittens may be lighter in color and may show faint signs of barring.
- There are no other signs of shading, barring or other markings.
- There is a range of darkness from strong black coffee to a dark brown.
- The nose leather and paw pads should be brown in color.



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The Sable coat should be glossy and close lying. Note the eye shape size and color are excellent. The ears size and placement are correct.



The Champagne coat typically shows some color variation due to its mild temperature sensitivity. Note that the coat color, eye shape and ear size and placement are excellent.

## Champagne

- Mature specimens have a warm honey beige color.
- The underside of the cat may be somewhat lighter in color.
- There are no other signs of shading, barring or other markings.
- There is a range of color from a warm light beige to a light brown.
- The nose leather should be a light warm brown. The paw pads should be a warm pinkish tan.

## Blue

- Mature specimens should be a medium blue color with fawn undertones.
- The underside of the cat may be somewhat lighter in color with a gradual gradation of color.
- There are no other signs of shading, barring or other markings.
- The nose leather is slate gray, paw pads range from slate gray to a warm pinkish blue.



Blue Burmese.



Platinum Burmese

## Platinum

- Mature specimens have a pale silvery gray color with fawn undertones.
- There are no other signs of shading, barring or other markings.
- There is a range of darkness to the color from a medium pale gray to a light pale gray but should always have a warm cast.
- Watch for platinum cats whose coat color lacks warmth.

## Eye color - 5 points

- Should range from yellow to gold. A deep and brilliant color is preferred. Pale eye color is acceptable.
- Near copper eye color is acceptable. No need to penalize.
- Penalize green eye color. Disqualify blue eye color.



Good Brilliant Yellow



Excellent Brilliant Gold



Acceptable Near Copper



Washed Out



Green - Penalize