BIRMAN

General: The Birman is a color pointed cat with semi long hair and four white feet. Medium to large in size, with heavy boning, well balanced with an elongated body. Some Birmans may not reach full maturity until 3 or 4 years of age. Females are proportionately smaller than males and should not be penalized for the size difference. No single attribute is to be emphasized over the overall impressions of a well-balanced cat.

Head: Skull broad and rounded. Slight flat spot on the forehead.
Ears: Medium in size, neither large nor small but in proportion to head. Rounded, set as much on the top of the head as on the side; when felt from the back, the base of the ear flows into the lower jaw line.

Body: Medium to large in size, with heavy boning, well balanced with an elongated body. Females are proportionately smaller than males and should not be penalized for the size difference.

Legs and Paws: Legs sturdy, medium in length with heavy boning. Paws large, round and firm. Paw pads pink, with or without any combination of point color.
Tail: Medium in length in proportion to the length of the body. Fur long and flowing.

Gloves: The Birman has white paws on all four feet. The white gloves end in a line across the paw at the break of the foot. The white of the front gloving shall not go past the dew pad.

Laces: On the hind legs, the white of the gloves continues up the back of the leg to form an inverted “V”. Laces shall not go past the hock.

Note: Ideally, the front gloves match, the back gloves match, and the laces match. Ideally gloved cats are a rare exception. No single attribute is to be emphasized over the overall impression of a well-balanced cat.

Color:
Body Color: Even with subtle shading. Definite contrast between body color and points. Allow for darker body shading in more mature cats.
Point Color: Mask, ears, legs and tail dense and clearly defined, all of the same shade. Allow for slower point color development in reds, in kittens and young adults. Blue in color, vivid blue is preferred.

Eye Color: Blue in color, vivid blue is preferred.

Accepted Colors:

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Solid Points
Body Color: Creamy white, with even subtle shading that corresponds with the point color. Allow for darker shading in more mature cats.

Lilac Point: Points, except gloves/ laces, frosty gray with a pinkish tone. Nose leather lavender pink.
Blue Point: Points, except for gloves and laces, deep blue/gray. Nose leather slate blue.
Seal Point: Points except gloves/laces, deep seal brown. Nose leather deep seal brown.
Cream Point: Points, except gloves/laces, deep cream to pale cream the overall impression to be a dull color as opposed to the hot tone of the Red Point. Nose leather pink.
Eye Color: Blue in color, vivid blue is preferred

Tortie Points
Body Color: Creamy white, with even subtle shading that corresponds with the point color.
Points: Except gloves/laces, same as solid color, mottled with red or cream.
Ears, Mask, Tail and Legs: Should show definite red or cream mottling.
Nose & Paw Pads: Nose leather to conform to the solid color, except where the red or cream extends into the nose leather for a blaze and into the paw pads giving a spotted effect.
Eye Color: Blue in color, vivid blue is preferred

Lynx Points:
Body Color: Creamy white with even subtle shading that corresponds with the point color, without visible stripes. Allow for darker shading in more mature cats.
Points: Same color as the solids with a distinct tabby pattern. Allow for slower development in the dilute and red colors in kittens and young adults.
Mask: Point color shading on face. Distinct vertical stripes on the forehead and horizontal stripes from the corner of eyes. Dark spots on whisker pads at the base of the whiskers.
Nose Leather: Pink or conforming to the solid color.
Ears: Solid point color with a visible “thumbprint” on the back of the ear.
Legs: Distinct barring on all four legs.
Tail: Definite barring of point color in the tail.
Eye Color: Blue in color, vivid blue is preferred.

Tortie Lynx Points:
The Tortie Lynx point is a mixture of the tabby pattern and the Tortie point colors. The first impression is to see the tabby pattern with the mottling of Red or Cream overlying the striping.

WITHHOLD: Short, cobby body. Short nose/muzzle. Round eyes. Delicate boning. White on front paws that continues up the leg past the dew pad [Runners]. Floating white spots in the point color and floating point color in the white. Absence of laces on one or both legs.

PENALIZE: Laces that continue past the hock. Absence of white on any toe. Absence of color on the chin.