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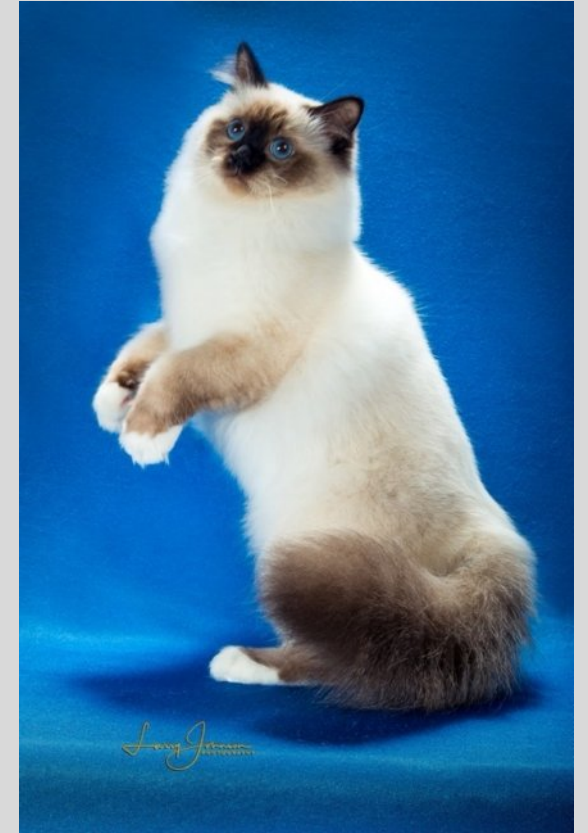
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ESSENCE OF THE BIRMAN



A cat of mystery and legend....

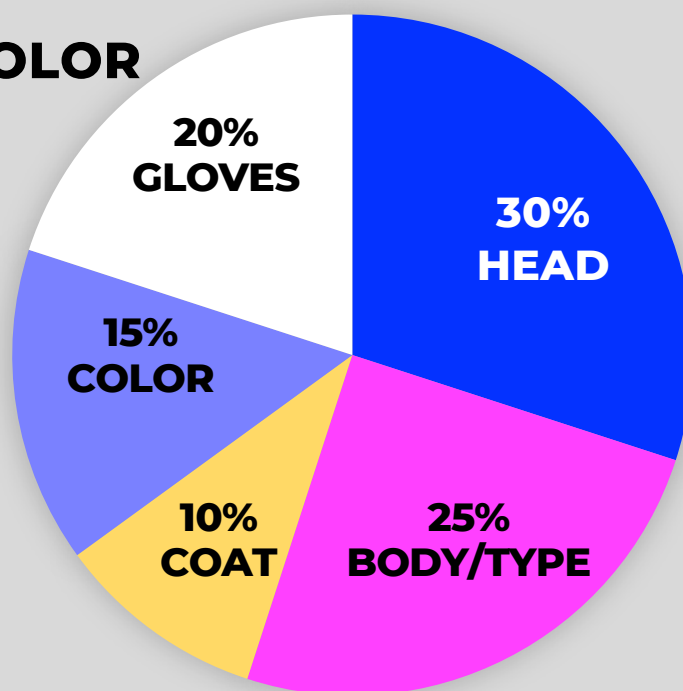
- A color-pointed cat with long silky hair and four pure white feet
- An elongated and stocky body, strongly built
- A strong jaw, firm chin, and medium-length Roman nose
 - Good width between the medium-sized ears
 - Blue, almost round eyes set well apart, giving the face a sweet expression



POINT BREAKDOWN



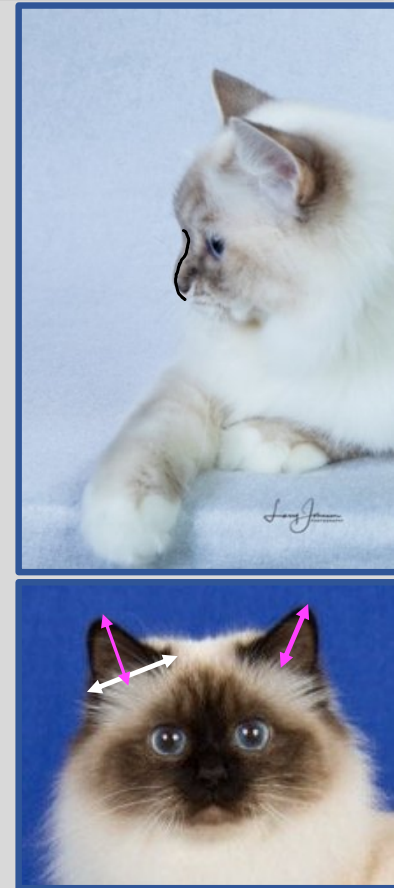
COLOR – INCL. EYE COLOR
35%



HEAD, BODY, TYPE & COAT
65%

HEAD

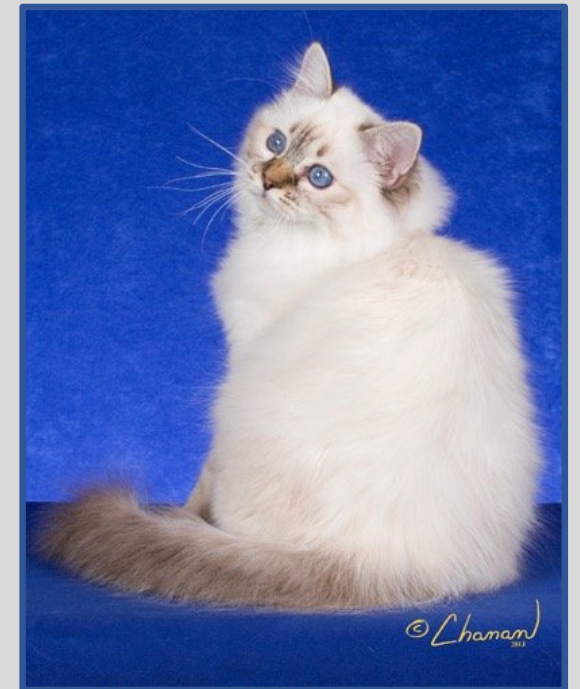
- FOREHEAD slopes back and is slightly convex, with a slight flat spot on the forehead in between the ears.
- NOSE is Roman (slightly convex) in shape and profile.
- CHEEKS: full, somewhat rounded muzzle.
- MUZZLE to be neither short and blunted.
- CHIN: strong, well-developed.
- EARS: medium in length.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

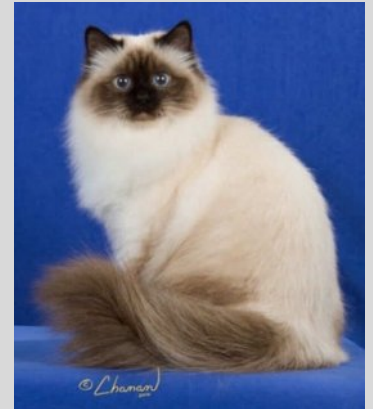


COLOR



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.

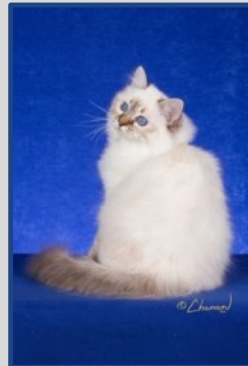
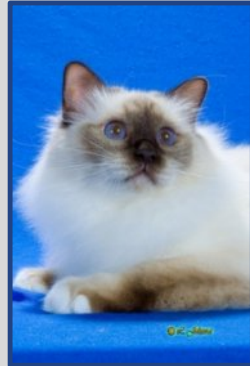
LACES:

- 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



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PENALIZE/DISQUALIFY



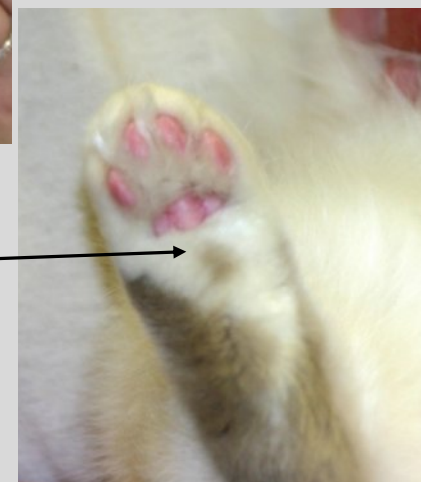
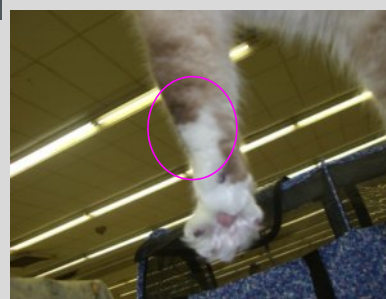
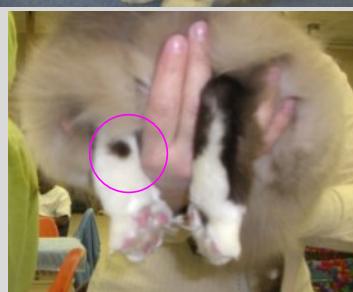
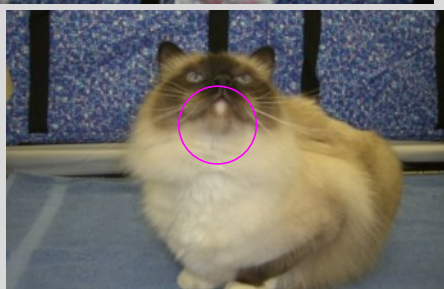
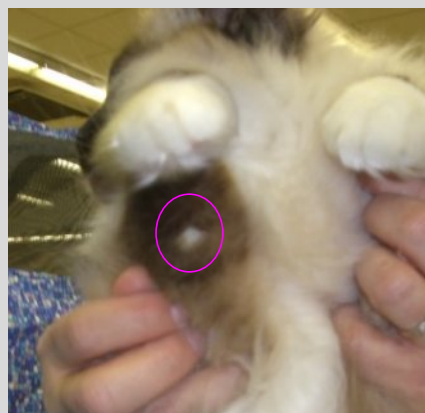
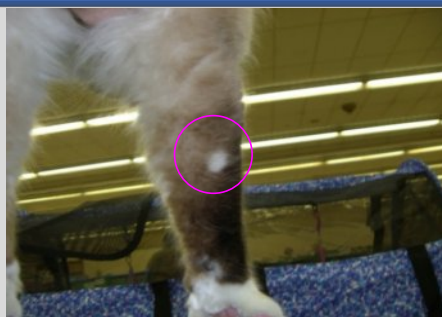
PENALIZE

- 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.

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