
BIRMAN

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Karen Lane – Delray Beach, FL
Total Members: 59
Ballots Received: 42

1. PROPOSED: Add a color class code for Lilac Tabby Point.

Current:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point	0180	0181
Seal Point	0182	0183
Lilac Point	0184	0185
Blue Point	0186	0187
Other Solid Point	2178	2179
<i>(Red, Cream)</i>		
Parti-Color Point	----	2189
<i>(Seal-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Chocolate-Tortie, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
Seal Tabby Point	2152	2153
Chocolate Tabby Point	2154	2155
Blue Tabby Point	2156	2157
All Other Tabby Point	2158	2159
<i>(Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
AOV	None	None

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Seal Tabby Point	2152	2153
Chocolate Tabby Point	2154	2155
Blue Tabby Point	2156	2157
Lilac Tabby Point	XXX	XXX
All Other Tabby Point	2158	2159
<i>(Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream, Lilac-Cream)</i>		
AOV	None	None

RATIONALE: Presently the Lilac Tabby Points are shown in the “All Other Tabby Point” color class, numbers 2158 and 2159. This might surprise some of our members. The colors shown in Tabby class numbers 2158 and 2159 are as follows:

Lilac, Red, Cream, Seal-Tortie, Chocolate-Tortie, Blue-Cream and Lilac-Cream

The lilac tabby breeders have asked for their own color class, just as the seal, chocolate and blue tabby points. This would leave only the red factor tabby points in color class 2158 and 2159. It has been more than 17 years since the tabby points were recognized in championship in CFA. The number of lilac tabby points bred and shown in CFA has increased, just as the other tabby points.

YES: 35

NO: 7

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 42

>50% of Voting: 22

Motion Carried. Morgan voting no.

- PROPOSED:** Reinstate AOV Color Class Codes and revise the Rules for Registration to allow for the registration of AOV Birman colors/patterns.

Current:

REGISTER AS AOV:

None			
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Proposed:

REGISTER AS AOV:

<u>None Any color not recognized in the Birman color standard.</u>			
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YES: 18

NO: 23

ABSTAIN: 1

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 41
>50% of Voting: 21

No Action.

3. If Proposal #2 passes, **PROPOSED:** to assign an AOV Color Class number:

Current:

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Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point	0180	0181
...		
AOV	None	None

Proposed:

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Birman Color Class Numbers

Chocolate Point	0180	0181
...		
AOV	None	None
AOV	XXXX	XXXX

RATIONALE: For three years we have asked our members to reinstate an AOV class. This request has come for several reasons. First, we are a breed in decline, and we cannot forecast any change in that decline due to the age of our breeders and the small number of new younger breeders of Birmans. Second, many of us have never seen Birmans, in colors other than the colors that we presently accept. It was discussed at our last Breed Council Meeting that we again ask our members to allow an AOV class so we can at least see, first-hand, what other breeders are producing. Third, some of our members are registering Birmans in other colors and registering in other associations in order to show and place their kittens.

Some of our newer members may not know what an AOV is.

AOV: The AOV (Any Other Variety) CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten, the ancestry of which entitles it to Championship or Premiership competition, but which does not (colorwise, coatwise, physically-wise, as in the case of naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds, tailwise, or earwise) conform to the accepted show standard.

Whenever this has been discussed, some of our members instantly think this is a green light and all colors can be instantly shown in CFA. If we vote to allow AOVs, this will start a long process. First the breeders of AOVs must get together to produce a color standard. This color standard must be carried with the breeder into each and every ring so that our judges can read and understand the color. These breeders can then have a path to start the acceptance process of getting their cats to championship status, **if they desire**.

The process to championship status is a **separate process** from reinstating AOV in our standard. The process to championship status for any new color will have to be approved by this breed council, after certain CFA requirements have been accomplished. That is a vote separate from this vote.

The AOV class will allow us to see the new colors, obtain greater understanding of the color genetics and at least formulate an opinion about them. AOV registry has the same exact pedigree requirements as any Birman for registry. They will need the same five-generation pedigree to register any color not presently accepted by CFA, as an AOV. This means that all AOVs must have the same physicality as Birmans and they must meet all requirements of our standard, **except for color**.

Breeders, owners of AOV registered cats will be allowed to show their cats as AOV only and not in the championship classes; and they will compete against each other. The AOV cats are not eligible to win rosettes or to accrue points toward any title or award. In order for any offspring of an AOV cat to qualify for championship, no AOV cat can appear in the five-generation pedigree.

This is a positive step to **reverse the decline** in our breed numbers, and increase in breeders. Presently all major registries have accepted colors that CFA does not. This list includes TICA and FIFe. This is a step for making it easier to import or bring cats from other associations into our breeding programs. We all know that increasing the gene pool of our cats improves the health and the vitality of our cats.

The definition of insanity is: "Doing things the same way and expecting change".

YES: 18

NO: 23

ABSTAIN: 1

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 41

60% of Voting: 25

No Action.