



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2012 BREED COUNCIL POLL

BOMBAY

Breed Council Secretary: Jeri Zottoli – Harrisburg, PA

Total Members: 25

Ballots Received: 21

1. The Burmese Breed Council has proposed an outcross to the sable Bombay. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether you support an outcross to any sable Bombay for a period of 10 years.

PROPOSED: Amend the reference information at the end of the Burmese standard and Burmese registration rules as follows:

Burmese allowable outcross breeds:

Tonkinese through December 31, 2021;

imported Southeast Asian Cats;

sable Bombay through December 31, 2021

BURMESE BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *The genetic health of the Burmese breed is currently at risk. Dr. Leslie Lyons reported in "The Ascent of Cat Breeds," published in Genomics in 2008:*

"The Burmese and Singapura breeds have the lowest heterozygosity [genetic diversity] and the highest FIS [inbreeding coefficient] of any breed, reflecting the most intense inbreeding. ... Given these results, Burmese and Singapura breeders should be concerned about genetic diversity."

In addition to Dr. Lyons' genetic study, CFA statistics point towards a marked decline in registered Burmese. The number of Burmese kittens reported dropped from 810 in 2008 to 453 in 2011 (the most recent year for which data was available). This represents a 44% drop in the last 3 years. Additionally, on an individual level, breeders are reporting less hearty litters, smaller adults, smaller litters, and immune system problems, all of which point towards inbreeding depression becoming more common.

The Bombay breed was developed using the Burmese breed. This breed, therefore, shares common characteristics in both type and origin. It is believed that allowing the Burmese

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breed to outcross to this breed, along with native Thai cats and Tonkinese (both of which have already been approved), will significantly increase our ability to restore the health and vigor of the Burmese breed with little to no impact on type.

Are you in favor of the outcross, as proposed by the Burmese Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 21

50% of Voting: 11

YES: 10

NO: 11

ABSTAIN: 0

Proposed Burmese to Bombay Registration Rules

BURMESE BRED TO A BOMBAY:

A Burmese cat may be bred to a CFA Bombay so long as it has a sable coat and has been genetically tested to not carry cinnamon. All resulting kittens may be registered as a Burmese*.

* Note that no coat colors other than the four Burmese colors (sable, champagne, blue or platinum) are possible.

RATIONALE:

The Bombay breed consists of cats whose coat colors are either homozygous black (CC), black carrying sable (sepia) (Cc^b) or sable (c^bc^b). Working exclusively with sable Bombay cats would eliminate the possibility of producing kittens that do not conform to the allowed Burmese colors. If a sable Bombay is not available, a Burmese breeder could work with a black Bombay and a sable Burmese to produce a sable Bombay. In this way, all kittens produced will fall into one of the CFA breeds and will be register able under the normal CFA registry.

CFA Burmese Breed Council

Out-Cross To Bombay Policy Adopted (date)

The Burmese breed may out-cross to the sable Bombay for the time period beginning January 1, 2013 and extending through December 31, 2022. Offspring of these breedings whose coat color is one of the approved Burmese colors may be registered as Burmese.

General Requirements:

1. The Bombay parent must be registered in CFA. A Bombay cat registered in a foreign registry may be used once it has been registered in CFA.
2. The Bombay parent must have a sable coat color ($c^b c^b$).
3. The Bombay parent must be color tested to not carry cinnamon (negative for b^l).

Checklist:

- A CFA litter application is provided.
- A CFA registration number is provided for the Burmese parent.
- A CFA registration number is provided for the Bombay parent.
- A genetic test is provided indicating the Bombay parent tests as sable in color and is negative for cinnamon.

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- This litter has been found to comply with the requirements for registration as Burmese. Please issue a Burmese litter registration slip and register any requested kittens from this litter