

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2009 BREED COUNCIL POLL

EUROPEAN BURMESE

Total Members: 27
Ballots Received: 25
60% of Voting: 15

1. **PROPOSED:** From the EYE COLOR section of the standard, REMOVE the following sentence "The deeper the color, the better" as follows:

EYE COLOR: yellow to amber. ~~The deeper the color, the better.~~
Lustrous and bright.

YES; 17 NO: 8

RATIONALE: the European Burmese breed was established by importing cats from overseas and our breed standard was derived from the major European Burmese standards in the world. The majority of those standards describes a yellow to amber eye color with a golden yellow color preferred and some of them penalize or disqualify for an orange or copper eye color.

Breeders in CFA are still importing cats to increase the gene pool and many of these imported cats are shown in CFA. Eliminating the phrase "The deeper the color, the better" from the CFA breed standard will bring the standard more in line with the standards around the world. Also by removing "The deeper the color, the better" we avoid the perception that the preferred eye color is orange or copper.

2. **PROPOSED:** From the PROFILE section of the standard, change "visible nose break" to "visible nose stop".

PROFILE: visible nose ~~break~~ stop.

YES: 18 NO: 7

RATIONALE: while most breeds that have a "nose break" in their standard it is construed to mean a severe change of direction with a deep indentation at the bridge of the nose. A "nose break" rather than a stop would indicate a more extreme cat, which the European Burmese is not. The European Burmese is a moderate cat with gently rounded contours. A "visible nose stop" would indicate a gentle change of direction.

3. **PROPOSED:** Add to the internal Central Office registration rules the underlined sentences as below:

No CFA standard Burmese allowable in the background. No colors allowed in the background other than the ten (10) currently accepted colors. Other colors cannot appear in the pedigree, as per the current rules for registration for the European Burmese. The current rules require eight generations in pedigrees from North American Registries, five generations from elsewhere.

YES: 21 NO: 4

RATIONALE: The European Burmese is still dependent on importing cats. Some International breeders are breeding colors that are not accepted in the CFA European Burmese, such as silver, cinnamon, caramel, fawn and ticked tabby. The European Burmese breeders want to decrease the risk of these colors showing themselves in future litters by adding this new restriction to our import rules. Having these new colors in the background might also affect our current colors, coat textures and eye color.