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# The Burmese

## About the Burmese

Burmese are a breed of cat that love being around people. They crave attention and companionship. It is important to make an informed pet selection and equally as important to make informed decisions throughout the life of your pet. We will take you through the process of bringing home your new family member and lead you all the way to cherishing your memories of the long life you share together. We will provide you with an outstanding number of tips and helpful advice relating to all aspects of your life with your new pet. This complimentary book is packed full of all the information you will need to be a great cat parent to your new fur kid! So take a few minutes to read over this information and prepare to embark on a fun, memory filled adventure with you new Burmese.



## General Burmese Characteristics

Burmese cats are intelligent, inquisitive and sociable. They get along very well with children of all ages and even the family dog. They have a typical life expectancy of 15+ years. Burmese make great companions and can even be taught to “fetch” like a dog. They will also follow their owners much like a dog. Burmese have been known to turn even the most staunch non-cat person into a cat lover. Their coats are very short and have a satiny texture. The four prominent coat colors are sable, champagne, blue and platinum. Burmese are active indoors and are amazing climbers and jumpers. The females tend to be more active than the males. They are very affectionate cats that love to give as well as receive affection. Burmese also have a fondness for conversation and will converse with you in their soft melodious voice. They should not be allowed outdoors because they are too trusting and have almost no survival instinct. A Burmese will make a great addition to any family. As with any animal, proper diet, exercise, grooming and veterinary attention will benefit you and your Burmese.

Average Weight	7 pounds	Temperament	Active, loyal, affectionate
Average Litter Size	6 kittens	Good with Children	Does well with all children
Coat	Short and Satiny Smooth. 4 main colors are sable, champagne, blue, platinum	Health Concerns	More prone to cherry eye than other breeds

## Selecting Your Burmese – Adoption or a Breeder?

It can be a matter of personal preference to adopt or rescue a Burmese. Another option would be to select your Burmese from a reputable breeder.

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## A Few Words About Adoption

Look for a pet adoption shelter or rescue center in your community. Use your community resources, such as your library, newspaper, and any online information to understand the reputation of the shelter before you go there. Ask questions at the center and of other people who may have used their services before. Find out as much as you can about the history of the pets you are considering. Know that some pets are up for adoption because they have been left behind due to divorce or families having to relocate. Not all pets in shelters or rescue centers come from abused or neglectful situations. Pet adoption or rescue is less expensive than purchasing from a cat breeder. For families who face economical challenges this option is worth considering. You have the satisfaction of providing a home for a deserving pet.

## A Few Words About Breeders

Perhaps you prefer a Burmese that comes from a reputable breeder in order to raise your pet as a show cat or breed your pet to further the advancement of new Burmese in your community. Breeders are very knowledgeable about the breed's overall health and characteristics. You can find cat breeders by looking in the newspaper, searching on the internet, or checking with the local vet. Cat breeders can be very particular about the person wanting to purchase the cat. They may want to know what other animals are in the home or if there are any children living in the home. Make sure the breeders facilities are clean and always ask to see the mother and father of the kitten you want to buy. The breeder should be able to provide a written health guarantee and all shot records.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when selecting your pet is to select the pet that is right for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. You are adding a member to your family so it is important to choose a pet that fits your lifestyle.

## How to Choose Your New Burmese Kitten

Choosing a cat can be a difficult decision because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for. Do you prefer to have the runt of the litter or the huskiest brute? Sometimes you can make a decision based on the adorable facial expressions a kitten makes. Can you resist those sweet eyes that pierce right through to clench hold of your heart? Pet adoptions or rescues are viable options for selecting your Burmese. Of course, finding a good breeder is always a good option, too. Make sure you look for the following signs of a healthy cat:

- Bright and clear eyes and noses
- Clean ears that are free of parasites
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- History and lineage are necessary as the genetics of animals are much like that of humans
- Make sure paw pads are soft and well taken care of
- Plump bellies are common in healthy kittens, but be sure they're not too plump
- Kittens should be energetic, curious, not skiddish of being handled.



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## Before You Bring Your Burmese Home

It is important to be as prepared as possible to provide a safe and secure environment for your new friend. In an effort to prepare for the care of your new best friend you should create a checklist and learn about the special needs of your pet. It is best to arrange a visit with your vet as soon as possible after picking up your kitten. A cat carrier is also a necessity. It is understandable that your new kitten may feel a bit nervous on the ride home. They will feel more comfortable in the enclosed space of the carrier. Kittens also have a strong sense of smell. Make arrangements with the breeder or shelter to bring along something the kitten slept on such as a towel. The familiar smell will put them at ease.

Create a list of items that you need for your new pet. You will need the essentials to care for your pet such as a good kitten food, a brush for grooming, toys for playtime, litter and a litter box. A scratching post is a good item to have as well. The reward system is great for teaching your pet important lessons. Some toys double as treat holders so that when playing games with your pet they have a fun way to get to their reward. Your kitten will soon discover what you want from him if you use a loving manner to convey your messages. Burmese are very intelligent and eager to receive affection and praise.

It is really important to start your kitten with a good health regimen. Keep accurate health and immunization records throughout the life of your pet. This will make it much easier for you to maintain proper health standards for your animal. Be sure to introduce him early to his vet. These are good practices for new owners as well as the kittens. Of equal importance is a healthy diet for your pet. It is a good idea to follow your breeder or vet's guidelines for all of your pet's nutrition needs. Kitten food has different nutrients than adult or senior foods. Allergy sensitive animals require special dietary ingredients as well. Being prepared is the most important aspect of introducing your new family member to his or her new environment. Purchase books about your breed, ask questions of the breeder and your vet, read about your pet online or at your community library. Pay attention to the details for true success and your new family member will make a quick and happy adjustment to his new home.

### Your Burmese Through The Years

#### Your Burmese Kitten

Each stage of your pet's life will be characterized by special needs. Kittens' lives are full of learning experiences. Enjoy the time you spend with your kitten. Interactive toys are a great way for you to bond with your new kitten during those first few weeks. This is the time to introduce your kitten to the scratching post so they will learn to use it and not your sofa.

Healthy habits are established at this stage of life as well. Vaccinations and dietary standards are very important for kittens. Your Burmese should have their own clean bowls for food and water. Sometimes it is helpful to place the bowls on a non-slip surface. There are many decorative bowls and placemats



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available to make your pets feeding time special for him. Kittens in general due an excellent job grooming themselves but daily brushing or combing is another opportunity to bond with your new fur kid. A toothbrush and cat toothpaste are also good items to have on hand. It only takes about five minutes to brush their teeth and it should be done 2-3 times per week. When you introduce a new grooming device to your kitten it is important to remember to let the kitten become acquainted with the item before using it.

## Your Burmese Adult

As your cat begins to age, his needs begin to change. Consult you vet to insure that your cats food is meeting his needs. Burmese inquisitiveness carries on into their adult cat years. Change out his toys often to keep his interest. Sometimes adult cats develop allergies. Fifteen percent of all cats in the U.S suffer from some type of allergies. Flea allergies are very common and as cats age they become more sensitive to flea bites. Food allergies are also not uncommon. If you notice changes in the skin, or fur you may need to change their diet. If your pet develops allergies you will see changes in his coat, skin, eyes or ears. If you suspect your cat has allergies, the best thing to do is take your cat to the vet. There are excellent remedies that will become an important part of your cat's routine.

As your cat ages his nails, paw pads, coat, skin, eyes and ears need special attention. Cats are excellent self groomers but it is a good idea to always keep close tabs on it. Their coats should be clean and free of dander, fleas, and tangled or matted hair. Also keep nails trimmed, check the pads on their paws frequently for spurs, and keep tooth tartar under control. Keep up with all of your adult pet's needs by frequently checking supplies and making sure that you have the most efficient tools handy to keep your cat in good health.

## Your Burmese Senior

When your pet climbs the hill into his senior years his needs will change again. Dietary changes are the most prevalent at this life stage. As your cat ages, so does his digestive system. Make sure your Senior Burmese maintains a proper diet and receives proper nutrients by starting him on a daily vitamin. Senior cats also need to have their weight monitored. They are more susceptible to weight gain because, like humans, their metabolism slows down as they age. Some senior cats may also experience weight loss to do loss of appetite so any change in weight should be closely monitored and brought to the attention of your vet. Keep abreast of the latest trends in dental products. There are many tartar control products on the market today. Tartar build up can lead to gum disease in older cats. Eye discoloration is normal in elderly cats. It is usually nothing to be concerned about and will not interfere with their vision. Just remember that cats age in some of the same ways that humans do. You can help them manage aches and pains with the proper pet healthcare aids, knowledge, and care.



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Senior cats have more trouble adapting to stress and anxiety. At this stage in their lives routine becomes extremely important. Moving to a new home, loud noises and young children are just a few factors that can cause your senior cat stress. It is important to know that stress can actually accelerate the aging process for your senior cat. Care for your senior in a loving, gentle manner mixed with a little patience and understanding.

You are about to embark on a wonderful journey with your new Burmese. Enjoy the special moments with your pet and keep them close to your heart. Display pictures of your cat around your home or office. Develop family traditions that include your cat. Some great ways to include your Burmese in the family can include, celebrating your cat's birthday, on special holidays buy your family members presents from the cat and vice versa , and tell everybody you see all the cute things your Burmese does.

## Burmese Medical Considerations

Overall, Burmese cats are a healthy breed. However, they do seem to be more prone to Cherry Eye than other breeds. This condition will usually present itself in the first year of your kitten's life. It will usually appear as a pink fleshy mass on the eyelid. It can be caused by several things such as a bacterial infection or an immune system problem. The treatment will depend on the cause. It is important to contact your vet if you notice any change at all in the eye health of your Burmese.



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