



Cat Breeds of the World

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Shorthairs

Most cats, whether pedigrees or not, belong to the shorthaired family and are highly sought after pets. They are practical because they need little grooming and can adapt to most environments.



Silver Tabby
British Shorthair

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British Shorthairs are sturdy and muscular cats with a short, plush coat that comes in a wide variety of colours and a thick tail. They are very independent, yet extremely affectionate cats that are easy to groom.



Red Tabby
British Shorthair



Scottish Fold Kittens

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Scottish Folds are instantly recognisable thanks to their unusual ears that fold forward over the head. They are affectionate cats, but do not cope well on their own and should not be left alone for long periods.



Manx

These friendly and robust cats are most notable for their lack of tail - the result of a dominant mutant gene. Their hind legs are longer than other cats, giving them an almost rabbit-like appearance when they run.



Sphynx

Notable for their lack of fur, this unusual looking breed is the only cat that has sweat glands and, unlike other cats, does not need to pant to keep cool. It is a sweettempered, lively cat that is highly intelligent and therefore easy to train.

Cornish Rex

This is a chic-looking cat and its spectacular crimped coat feels similar to cat velvet. It is a playful cat that enjoys human company and likes plenty of affection.



Devon Rex

This is the "E.T." of the cat world with its short, wide-cheeked face and large low-set bathing ears - it also has a devilish sense of mischief, a pixie-like disguise and a loving disposition.

Hairless & Exotic

The Aztecs of Central America bred hairless cats hundreds of years ago - the modern-day version of the hairless cat is the Sphynx. Exotic shorthairs were originally developed purely to have a Persian cat, but without the long hair to reduce grooming.

Abyssinian

"Abbyss" are one of the most intelligent breeds of cat. They are not too talkative, but they do like to climb and will require a frame and plenty of space to do so. Extremely gentle by nature, they make superb pets.



Silver
Abyssinian



Red
Abyssinian



Cream
Burmese

Burmese

Burmese cats are "full of beans", highly intelligent and are usually considered the extroverts of the cat family. They love people and are tuned into the needs of their owners.



Russian Blue

The regal Russian Blue cat with its elegant coat, sparkling green eyes and stately manner has long been associated with royalty. This affectionate, yet powerful cat gets along with all members of the household, be they people or any other animals.



Korat

Korats have a gentle nature and bond closely with their owners. They sport a beautiful blue coat, while the large, prominent and luminous green or green-gold eyes are brilliant, alert and very expressive.



Australian Mist

This wonderful cat is "true blue" and proudly wears the "made in Australia" badge. This little Aussie go-getter is blessed with the loving personality of a Burmese, the joy of an Abyssinian and the resilience of Domestic cats.



Exotic Shorthair

A playful, inquisitive, happy-go-lucky cat that is a pleasure to have around the home, its cute, almost kitten-like features are one of its most admirable qualities, while its big round eyes, small ears, flat face and a short stub nose give it an irresistible sweet-faced expression.



Siamese

This unique looking cat is the best known of all the pedigree breeds and its deep blue eyes are truly mesmerizing. This is a highly intelligent animal that is given to being very vocal but extremely loyal to the family.



Oriental Shorthair

Oriental Shorthairs are inquisitive and confident animals that captivate everyone they meet. Although not as loud as their Siamese cousins, they do love to "talk" and thrive on human company.

Singapura

Originating from the streets of Singapore, this breed boasts a unique coat colouring and, in many ways, looks similar to a cougar. They are intelligent and trustworthy cats that have a keen knack for fun and play.



Tonkinese

With Burmese and Siamese ancestry, these elegant cats have won favour with people around the world during their brief existence. These loving cats are now well established and, being a robust animal, can comfortably live in almost any environment.



Burmilla

Thanks to their energetic nature, Burmillas are a fun and entertaining cat to have around the home. Perhaps their most impressive quality is the sparkling shaded coat. Easy-going and relaxed, the Burmilla makes an affectionate and ideal family pet.



Egyptian Mau

The Egyptian Mau is striking to look at which, combined with a delightful personality, makes them a pleasure to own. They show their happiness by chattering in a soft, sweet voice and swishing their tails about.



Bengal

The Bengal is the only spotted breed directly descended from a large wild cat - the Asian Leopard Cat. While these cats are extremely playful, they do like to be "the boss" and will try to assert their authority whenever they can.



Bengal
Kitten



Japanese Bobtail

Japanese Bobtails are a little bit "dog-like" in that they love to carry things around in their mouths. They are stunning to look at and feature an easy to care for coat. They are also energetic animals that enjoy every opportunity to play games.



Ocicat

A delightful mix of Abyssinian, Siamese and American Shorthair cats. While Ocicats look wild, their temperament is anything but ferocious and they are absolutely devoted to people. They are also quite bright and easily trained.



Chinchilla

This elegant cat hails from America and the UK and is more extroverted than other Persian cats. They have melodious voices and are quick to adjust to new environments. Their "laid-back" temperament makes them an ideal family pet.



Himalayan

Himalayans are much admired among breeders and pet lovers alike. This delightful breed is Siamese in colour, Persian in type, and combines the best qualities of both. These beautiful cats are suited to both indoor and outdoor activities.



Norwegian
Forest Kitten

Norwegian Forest Cat

An affectionate breed, these cats comfortably get along with almost everyone (including other household pets) and are especially fond of children. Its energetic nature makes it an interesting and entertaining companion.



Tiffanie

This striking cat is notable for its spectacular luminous green eyes that are outlined in the same colour as the colour on the coat - black, brown, blue, chocolate and lilac. But its glorious coat does require grooming to keep it luxurious.



Siberian Forest Cat

These affectionate cats are extremely loyal and love to greet their owners at the door on their return home. With a thick coat that comes in a vast array of colours, Siberians are also well known for their ability to leap great distances with ease.



Red Somali



Blue Silver
Somali

Somali

Somalis, with their fox-like appearance, have glorious coats that are usually non-matting and are easy to care for. They make ideal pets and will give their all to please their family.

Ragdoll

Laid back and very loving, Ragdolls are at their happiest when they are allowed to flop into the arms of their owners - just like a rag doll! Their affectionate nature and preference for being indoors makes them ideal house cats.

Ragdoll
Kitten



Birman

Birmons are strikingly unusual cats that are easy to fall in love with. They "wear" a pale coloured coat with white "gloves" on their feet, and the eyes are a deep sapphire-blue. Their coat also needs regular grooming.



Maine Coon

This is the world's largest breed of domestic cat and has a delightful temperament mixed in with a downlike personality. It is an extremely intelligent breed that adores people and loves to "hang out" with all those living in the house.



Balinese

The Balinese is an active and busy cat that loves company and is quite content to follow its owner around the house during the day. They are however a vocal breed and owners should be prepared to stop and leave a "chair" from time to time.



Turkish Van

Turkish Vans or "swimming cats" are renowned for their fondness for water and boast a luxurious coat. While shy around strangers, they are extremely affectionate towards their owners and feature both a quiet voice and a hearty appetite.

Semi-longhairs

These cats are remarkable for their beautiful coats with very distinct patterns and colours. In the best examples there are often traits of lynx-like ear tufts, inner ear hair and a chest ruff that extends all the way down to the front legs. Regular grooming will help keep these cats looking at their best.



Persian

Persians are quiet and affectionate cats, but dislike being heard and are more suited to an adult household or one with gentle children. People wanting a Persian must be prepared to groom its beautiful coat daily. They moult twice a year, but shed hair all year round.

Domestic

The most common cat in Australia, Domestic cats (or "Moggies") have many variations in colour and coat patterns and are usually extremely affectionate. Moggies are often associated with being intelligent, even tempered and capable of adapting to almost any environment.

