



# CFA's World of Pedigreed Breeds

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## ABYSSINIAN

The Abyssinian is a slender, shorthaired breed, with a ticked coat pattern, like that of squirrels, rabbits and wild cats. One of the oldest breeds, it comes in red, ruddy, blue and fawn. Abyssinians are alert, intelligent, very people-oriented and have been known to train their owners to play with them.



## AMERICAN BOBTAIL

The American Bobtail is a medium to large, naturally occurring, bobtailed cat. It possesses a unique natural hunting gaze that combines with the breed's body type and natural bobtail to give the American Bobtail a distinctive wild appearance. This gorgeous breed comes in both a long and a short coat in all colors and patterns.



## AMERICAN CURL

The American Curls, a California original, are known for their curled back ears with furnishings coming out of the ears. Curls come in two coat lengths with the longhair coat the most popular length. Curls come every color of the rainbow. Both coats are silky with the shorthair coat being resilient.



## AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

The American Shorthair is America's own breed, originating from cats that followed settlers from Europe. It is a medium to large breed with a short, thick, hard coat in more than 80 different colors and pattern combinations. This breed is known for its health, good looks, quiet disposition and amiability with children and dogs.



## AMERICAN WIREHAIR

The American Wirehair is distinguished by its coat – as the result of a natural mutation, every hair is crimped and springy, including the whiskers. The breed was developed from the American Shorthair, so apart from the coat, the two are very similar.



## BALINESE

The Balinese is a semi-longhaired variant of the Siamese and named for the graceful dancers of Bali. Initially accepted in the four colors and patterns associated with the Siamese, the Javanese Division includes the lynx (tabby) point and tortie point patterns, as well as additional point colors such as red and cream.



## BENGAL

Loved for its inquisitive and loving nature, the Bengal cat is most renowned for its richly colored, highly contrasted coat of vivid spots or distinctive marbling. The Bengal is the only domestic cat breed with rosettes patterned like Jaguars and Ocelots. Bengals maintain a kitten-like energy into their senior years.



## BIRMAN

The Birman is a semi-longhaired cat; medium size with a stocky body. It's a color pointed cat with four distinctive white feet, known as "gloves." The Birman has a moderate head type with large blue eyes. It has a silky, non-matting coat. The Birman is gentle and playful with a true affection for its owner.



## BOMBAY

The Bombay is a hybrid breed created by breeding a sable Burmese with a black American Shorthair. The result is a medium sized cat with substantial boning and muscle development, a sleek, close lying, glossy black coat and luminous gold to copper eyes. The Bombay is an outgoing, friendly cat with a loving personality, who is comfortable with other cats, dogs and children.



## BRITISH SHORTHAIR

The British Shorthair is a compact, sturdy cat resembling a plush teddy bear. Reserved by nature, this quiet cat usually prefers to have all four feet on the ground. While blue is the color most associated with the breed, "Brits" are found in a number of other colors and patterns as well.



## BURMESE

The Burmese is an even-tempered cat that is loyal and affectionate. Although moderate in size, Burmese are a very solid and muscular cat with a silky short lying coat and yellow-gold eyes. Originally the only coat color recognized was sable brown, however today they also come in champagne, platinum and blue.



## BURMILLA

The Burmilla is an elegant cat of medium size with a short dense silky coat. It is a man-made breed which resulted from the mating of a European Burmese to a chinchilla Persian. They have a silver tipped coat and large bright green eyes. They are loving and affectionate and make great pets. They also come in longhair with a full plume tail and a silky semi-longhair coat.



### CHARTREUX

The Chartreux is an old breed which originated in France, said to have been raised as a companion by the Carthusian monks. Known for its woolly blue coat, brilliant orange eyes and smiling expression.



### COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

The Colorpoint Shorthair has a Siamese body and head type with 16 individual colors which give the breed a unique flair. The colors include red and cream points, lynx points, and parti-color points. Devoted to their “people,” Colorpoint Shorthairs are playful, intelligent, and every bit as talkative and affectionate as the Siamese.



### CORNISH REX

Cornish Rex have a unique, single layer of coat that lays in tight, soft-to-the-touch, even waves. Their bodies are all curves—large ears, egg-shaped head, arched back, high tucked-up waist and long, whippy tail. Affectionate, intelligent, energetic and inquisitive, Cornish Rex often act like kittens well into old age.



### DEVON REX

The Devon Rex is noted for its soft, short, naturally curly coat. The large eyes, wide head, and large low set ears give the Devon Rex an “elfin” appearance. It is a medium sized cat and is distinct in appearance from the Cornish Rex, though the coat mutation appears similar. They are available in a variety of patterns and colors.



### EGYPTIAN MAU

The elegant Egyptian Mau bears a striking resemblance to paintings of ancient Egyptian cats. These active, athletic cats have an exotic pattern and are the only naturally spotted domestic cat. They are distinguished by vivid gooseberry green eyes and their spotted pattern. The main showable colors are bronze, silver and smoke.



### EUROPEAN BURMESE

The European Burmese is a very affectionate medium-sized cat of far eastern origins. Body type is elegant with gently rounded contours. Eyes are large and alert with color ranging from yellow to amber. Coat length is short and colors include brown, chocolate, blue, lilac, cream and a soft apricot red. Tortoiseshell colors are also popular.



### EXOTIC

The Exotic is a wonderful, friendly and playful breed with a round, flat face and large round eyes, exactly like the Persian breed in structure. However Exotic breed has two coat lengths, the typical, long coat of a Persian and a shorter, thick, plush coat more typical of the Exotic breed. The Exotic can be all colors!



### HAVANA BROWN

The Havana Brown is distinguished by its rich warm mahogany-toned coat color, expressive green eyes and distinctive muzzle shape. They are medium sized, well muscled with a short glossy close lying coat. The whiskers of this breed must be brown, complimenting the coat color. This breed is active and playful and extremely people-oriented.



### JAPANESE BOBTAIL

Japanese Bobtails are affectionate, energetic and fun loving. The breed is distinguished by its pom-pom tail, level back and deep angulations in the longer rear legs. An equilateral triangle shaped head, oval eyes, large upright ears, and a medium body complete the picture. The longhair Japanese Bobtail has a medium long to long coat.



### KHAO MANEE

The Khao Manee is a natural breed originating in Thailand. The short, glistening white coat is complimented by their jewel like eye color which comes in any shade of blue, green, gold or odd. They are extremely devoted to their owners and are curious, intelligent cats who love nothing more than a good game of fetch.



### KORAT

The Korat is a medium-sized, semi-cobby bodied shorthair cat, with a single, silver-tipped coat. Their native homeland is Thailand, where they are considered one of the “Good Luck” cats. Their eyes are a large, luminous, peridot green, and the most unique attribute about them, besides their coat, is the heart-shaped bone structure of the face!



### LAPERME

LaPerms are known for their light and airy, curly coat. They come in both long and short hair varieties. Their unique coat is a natural mutation that occurred in barn cats. Coming from domestic cats, they are very healthy genetically and come in all colors and patterns. They make loving and affectionate pets.



### LYKOI

The name Lykoi is taken from the Greek word Lykos, meaning wolf. Their unique appearance has captured attention and imagination beyond just cat fanciers. No other cat breed in the world has the unique mask, silky roan coat, and curious non-seasonal molting. Despite their resemblance to tiny fictional werewolves, they are dedicated, attentive, playful, sweet and affectionate and guaranteed to gather attention where ever they appear.



### MAINE COON CAT

Our own “National Treasure” the Maine Coon is the only longhaired breed native to the United States. It is a medium to large cat with a smooth shaggy coat, well tufted ears and toes and a rugged appearance. Best known for it’s temperament, they are personable, remarkably gentle and are referred to as the “Gentle Giant.”



### MANX

The Manx is a cobby cat whose overall impression is that of roundness. The Manx is known primarily for its taillessness although it can have anywhere from absolutely no tail to a full tail. The Manx come in shorthair and longhair varieties in a great variety of colors and patterns. The Manx is a sturdy, loyal, playful, intelligent family cat good with children and other pets.



### NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

Known as the Skogkatt in its native Norway, the Norwegian Forest Cat is a solidly muscled cat that can be found in most colors and patterns. A triangular head shape and almond shaped eyes give the Forest Cat its unique expression. Its dense double coat and well-furnished extremities provide winter protection and are testimony to this breed’s Scandinavian heritage.



### OCICAT

The Ocicat is a medium to large cat bred to resemble a small, spotted wild cat. It is a purely domestic breed that was created by combining the Siamese, Abyssinian and American Shorthair. Ocicats are only shown in the spotted pattern of each of our 12 colors, but are also available in classic tabby, ticked tabby and a ghost marked solid.



### ORIENTAL

The Oriental is a study in long straight lines, with long tubular bodies, long slender legs and tail all in perfect harmony with each other. The dramatic almond eyes and large flaring ears compliment the wedge shape of the head. Orientals are energetic, personable cats who come in a myriad of colors and patterns, as well as shorthair and longhair.



### PERSIAN

Persian is one of CFA’s most popular and easily recognized breeds, known for its beautiful long, fluffy coat, stocky body, big round eyes, flat face and sweet docile temperament. There are seven Divisions in the Persian breed – Solid, Parti-Color, Smoke and Shaded, Silver and Golden, Tabby, Calico and Bi-Color and Himalayan – with a wide variety of colors and patterns available.



### RAGDOLL

The Ragdoll is known for its docile and placid temperament. It is a large, semi-longhaired cat, exhibiting the pointed (Siamese) pattern. They are available in seal, blue, chocolate and lilac point, as well as a variety of other colors. Color patterns include pointed, mitted and bi-color.



### RAGAMUFFIN

RagaMuffin is a large cat with a medium length, thick and plush, easy care coat. They have large expressive eyes and a sweet expression. They are known to be very laid back and affectionate cats with a lap-dog personality. Each is heavily boned, with a tendency toward a fatty pad on the lower abdomen. This breed is available in all colors and patterns.



### RUSSIAN BLUE

The Russian Blue is distinguished by a short, plush, silver-tipped blue coat and brilliant green eyes. A slender, yet muscular body and a broad head with large, wide-set ears give this breed an alert and regal appearance. The Russian Blue is graceful and playful with a quiet temperament.



### SCOTTISH FOLD

The Scottish Fold is characterized by its distinctive ears which are folded forward and down, and by its large, rounded eyes which give it a sweet, wide-eyed expression. They are mellow and affectionate cats. Scottish Folds are found in both longhair and shorthair varieties in a great number of color and pattern combinations.



### SELKIRK REX

The Selkirk Rex was developed from a natural mutation that arose in the United States. Like other Rex breeds, this breed has a naturally curly coat. Unlike other Rex breeds, the Selkirk has a rounded, stocky body type, in both longhair and shorthair varieties.



### SIAMESE

The Siamese is one of the oldest breeds. It is distinguished by its brilliant blue eyes and colored “points” which provide a dramatic contrast to the light-colored body. Siamese display a long elegant body type, and a long wedge-shaped head with strikingly large ears. They are recognized in the colors seal, chocolate, blue and lilac point.



### SIBERIAN

The Siberian cat is a natural breed and has been around for at least as long as recorded history. This Russian treasure was first imported to the United States in 1990. Agile and intelligent; the Siberian is a hefty, sturdy cat with medium-long hair and good temperament. Nature provides several coat and eye colors for this cat that nature made to survive in the harsh Russian climate.



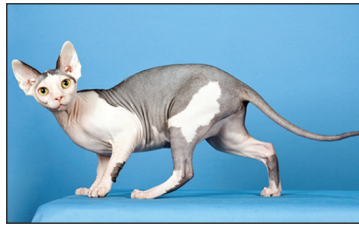
### SINGAPURA

The Singapura is a small, shorthaired cat distinguished by its large eyes and its unusual warm beige colored and brown ticked coat. It is the smallest of the cat breeds.



### SOMALI

The Somali is the “little fox” of the cat fancy. While Somalis are generally known as “the longhaired Abyssinian,” they truly are their own breed, and their longer hair, fluffier tail and breeches, and full plume tails; do truly give them a look that resembles a wild fox. They are recognized in the ruddy, red, blue, and fawn colors.



### SPHYNX

The Sphynx, aka “the hairless cat” is not always totally hairless; there can be a fine down on the body, which makes the cat feel like a warm peach. The texture of the Sphynx skin has been likened to suede, a hot water bottle, or a heated chamois.



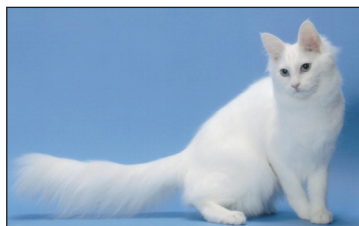
### TONKINESE

Tonkinese are beautiful, medium-sized, surprisingly heavy and muscular cats with short soft silky fur. People-oriented, social, active and playful, they are also loving lap cats. Tonkinese come in four base colors and three coat patterns for 12 varieties. The coat patterns are varying amounts of contrast between body and points.



### TOYBOB

The Toybob, a small sized cat which originated in Russia, retains its kitten like appeal well into adulthood. The Toybob has a kinked, bobbed tail and comes in all colors with either a short or semi-long coat. They make a great family pet with their docile, playful and very affectionate nature. This gentle breed enjoys attention and interaction, making it a terrific pet for senior citizens and children.



### TURKISH ANGORA

The Turkish Angora is a semi-longhaired cat that originated in Turkey. They are longbodied and graceful with a fine silky coat. Though solid white is the most well-known color, they come in a variety of additional colors and patterns.



### TURKISH VAN

The Turkish Van is a semi-longhaired cat with soft fur and a distinctive color pattern: a white body with a colored tail and colored markings on the head. An old natural breed from the Middle East, they have very muscular bodies which portray balance and power. They are very loyal and loving companions.

Pricing on pedigreed cats usually depends on type, applicable markings and bloodlines. Usually breeders make available kittens between 12 and 16 weeks of age. After 12 weeks, kittens have had their basic inoculations and developed the physical and social stability needed for a new environment, showing, or being transported by air. Keeping such a rare treasure indoors, neutering or spaying and providing acceptable surfaces (e.g. scratching posts) for the natural behavior of scratching (CFA disapproves of declawing or tendonectomy surgery) are essential elements for maintaining a healthy, long and joyful life.