

# Cat College: Genetics



Genetics is the study of heredity. From the feline standpoint, it's a scientific way of learning how your cat came to look, walk and react the way it does.

Here are some popular breeds and their various characteristics and traits.

BREED	HAIR LENGTH/TYPE	PERSONALITY	COAT COLOR	COAT PATTERN	ENERGY LEVEL
Siamese 	Shorthair; very fine hair	Very friendly, chatty	Seal, chocolate, blue, lilac	Points (darker colors) on their faces, ears, paws and tails	Energetic, entertaining
Manx 	Shorthair, longhair; outer guard hairs hard on shorthair; soft, silky on longhair	Mellow, even-tempered	A variety of colors	Solid, bicolor, shaded, smoke, tabby, calico, tortoiseshell	Laid-back
Persian 	Longhair; thick coat	An interested observer	A variety of colors	Solid, bicolor, shaded, smoke, tabby, calico, tortoiseshell, pointed	Wonderful couch potatoes
Maine Coon 	Longhair; soft coat	Nicknamed "Gentle Giant"	A variety of colors	Solid, bicolor, shaded, smoke, tabby, calico, tortoiseshell	Laid-back but easy to train
Scottish Fold 	Shorthair, medium, longhair; soft coat	Quiet, laid-back	A variety of colors	Solid, bicolor, shaded, tabby, calico, tortoiseshell	Curious but not overly energetic
Cornish Rex 	Shorthair; curly plush coat	Extroverted, friendly	A variety of colors	Solid, bicolor, shaded, smoke, tabby, calico, tortoiseshell, pointed	An acrobatic clown
Abyssinian 	Shorthair; warm, glowing, soft	Loves attention	Ruddy, red, blue, fawn	Ticked hairs: dark-colored bands contrast with light-colored bands on the hair shafts	Energetic
Bengal 	Shorthair; dense, soft coat	Friendly, loving, fearless	A variety of colors	Tabby: spotted, marbled	Highly energetic, entertaining
Pixiebob 	Shorthair, longhair; soft	Very social, chatty	Brown with warm reddish tones	Tabby: spotted, mackerel	Very inquisitive but not hyperactive
Bombay 	Shorthair; satin-like, shiny coat	A big personality	Black	No patterns	Active, inquisitive