

Cat Breeds

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Select Your Breed by Coat

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American Bobtail: The American Bobtail is a short-tailed cat, with a medium to large frame. Its tail should be clearly visible above the back when the cat is alert, not exceeding the hock in length. The American Bobtail is an excellent example of breed development through natural selection -- a completely domestic cat with no wild strains in its background. Affectionate and gentle, this young American Bobtail will soon capture your heart. [More >>](#)

American Curl: The American Curl gained CFA acceptance and has purred its way into the hearts of judges and cat lovers all in a short time. The American Curl originated in June 1981, when a spontaneous genetic mutation produced the breed's signature backward-curling ears. By 1986, two of the largest cat registries recognized the breed. This whimsical feline can be found in longhair and shorthair varieties and a rainbow of patterns and colors. [More >>](#)

Balinese: The Balinese gets its name from its sinuous flowing movement, which reminded early breeders of Balinese dancers. The Balinese's oriental body type, with a long, tubular body and a wedge-shaped head, is softened by the semi-long coat that graces its body. The Balinese head type is the same as the Siamese and includes a flat profile and flared ears. Traditional colors are seal, chocolate, blue and lilac points. Red, cream, lynx and parti-color points are registered as Balinese in some associations, and as Javanese in others. The rascally long-haired version of Siamese is not only beautiful, but extremely intelligent and affectionate as well. Wonderful with both children and other pets, Balinese cats just seem to make friends with everyone. [More >>](#)

Birman: Also known as the "Sacred Cat of Burma," Birman cats are colorpoint cats, meaning they have a darker color on their tail, legs, ears and face, much like the Siamese or the Himalayan division of the Persian. In the cat-show world, the white front paws are referred to as gloves and the back paws as socks. Terms most frequently used to describe Birman cats are gentle, polite, affectionate and outgoing. [More >>](#)

Himalayan: Depending on the association, the Himalayan may be considered a separate breed or a color pattern of the Persian breed. The Himalayan was originally developed from crosses between Siamese and Persians in an effort to transfer the pointed pattern to the Persian type. The Himalayan should have the massive build and flowing coat of the Persian no matter how it is registered. A wide range of point colors are accepted, including seal, chocolate, blue, lilac, red, cream and the combinations of parti-color points and tabby (called lynx) points. Himalayans have the Persian's gentle, easygoing personality with an extra spark. (Also see descriptions for Exotic Shorthair and Persian.) [More >>](#)

Javanese: Take one Balinese, dip it in the colors of the rainbow and you have a Javanese. The Javanese is everything that is Balinese, and then some. This breed appears in the lynx point and tortie point patterns, as well as red and cream point colors. The Javanese loves to show off with spectacular performances of acrobatic skills. [More >>](#)

Maine Coon: The Maine Coon is one of the most popular breeds at show tables. This shaggy feline shares its affection with the entire family, but elects a single person as its beloved owner. The Maine Coon sports four color classes: solid, tabby, tabby with white and parti-color. Patterns include the classic tabby, the mackerel tabby and the patched tabby. The Maine Coon is the second most popular breed in America and has earned the nickname, "The Gentle Giant." [More >>](#)

Norwegian Forest: The Norwegian Forest traces its ancient origins to Norway and has been tagged as a skilled hunter, intelligent, attentive and cautious. Nicknamed "Wegies," these cats sport a thick, heavy coat, almond-shaped eyes and sweet expressions. The Norwegian Forest cat displays almost all colors and patterns. Extremely intelligent and alert, these classy cats will demand petting, head-bumps and chin rubs. [More >>](#)

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