

Kitten History: Bombay

The Bombay is the result of a mix of a black American Shorthair male with deep copper eyes, and a sable Burmese female.

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Black as midnight, sleek as a panther your Bombay kitten charms with her exotic beauty. Such good looks are what drove Nikki Horner to establish the Bombay breed.

After hearing many cat lovers comment in passing that they'd love to own a panther, Nikki decided to take up the challenge to create a breed with all the exquisiteness of the wild, black cats. She began her breeding program in 1953 with a black American Shorthair male with deep copper eyes, and a sable Burmese female. After years of careful selective breeding, she could consistently produce her unique domestic counterparts.

Eighteen years later, the Bombay was granted Cat Fanciers Association championship status. Today, these sleek black beauties enjoy popularity with cat lovers of all ages.

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