

Kitten History: Siamese

The essence of this ancient breed is elegance coupled with intelligence.

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Long, slender, elegant these are just a few of the words used to describe your Siamese kitten. Add the words sleek, intelligent, inquisitive and loving, and you've captured the essence of this beautiful breed.

Thought to be one of the oldest of the cat breeds, the Siamese has lived in Thailand for thousands of years. Siamese cats first appeared in England in the late 1800s. Some of the cats were given to an ambassador who brought them home from Siam. The elegant felines garnered awards at English cat shows almost immediately, and it wasn't long before they made their way to the United States.

The most common of the Siamese, the seal point, quickly gained popularity with American cat lovers and was the first color to be recognized by the cat fancy. Blue points gained recognition in 1934, with chocolate points soon following. In 1955, the lilac point gained recognition and completed the Siamese breed.

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