

Much Ado About Something

The British Shorthair has charmed everyone from artists to writers.

By Elisa Jordan

Unbeknownst to anyone, the opera is about to begin. The singer takes his place on the stage. Pro that he is, he knows exactly where to stand to get the acoustics just right. His majestic voice must carry so all can hear. The fact that it's 4 a.m. is inconsequential. Real artists must express themselves when inspiration strikes. Such is the case for Spencer the cat. The blue British Shorthair's stage is the side of the bathtub and the bathroom walls provide an echo that's just right for an aria.

Spencer's human is less concerned with the 4 a.m. concert interrupting sleep and more impressed that he's smart enough to figure out the concept of acoustical engineering.

As You Like It

Despite his occasional singing solos, Spencer's actually a quiet, mild-mannered cat. In fact, he is a very typical British Shorthair.

"They're always around, but they're unobtrusive and they're very quiet," says California breeder Erin Vosburgh.

"They're traditional, they're subtle, and they have a dry sense of humor," says Oregon breeder Pamela Barrett, who is also The International Cat Association (TICA) breed chair.

Brits are at their best and happiest when interacting with their humans. The more you put into your relationship with them, the more they respond.

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