Need Help Choosing a Cat?

Choosing a cat breed can be a bit daunting, especially if you don't know very much about cats! When considering a cat, you must be sure to choose a breed that will best suit your lifestyle. Some breeds require more physical activity than others, and some require much more grooming. Listed below, you will see the most popular cat breeds. Each breed has different personality types and grooming responsibilities that will be pointed out in this article.

The Oriental is one of the most popular cat breeds around. This breed tends to develop very deep bonds with its family, and is very loyal and bright. It has large, pointed ears, and although its body is very sleek, it is still quite a muscular breed.

The American Shorthair is extremely popular with families, as they tend to be very affectionate and friendly. The American shorthair originally was a breed known for its hunting skills, mostly for mouse hunting, which explains the lithe muscular structure and short hair. They do need a little exercise, but most are quite happy being a lap cat.

The Birman breed is thought to have originated from Burma. It can be most notable by its blue eyes, white, body, and smoky-colored face, ears, tail, and legs. Birmans possess a long, sturdy body structure with extensive, mat-resistant hair. They love to play and are quite gentle. While they enjoy affection, they are not a "needy" breed.

If you're looking for a very affectionate, cuddly cat, then a Sphynx may be the breed for you. Although they appear to have no fur, they actually have a peach-like fuzz all over their body. As they don't have much hair to protect their skin, they should strictly be kept indoors. This breed has a particular necessity for comfortable room temperature, as they can easily become too cold.

The Ragdoll breed got its name due to its tendency to fully relax when picked up--similar to a floppy ragdoll. If you love a cat that accompanies you from room to room, this breed would likely be a wonderful match for you. They are very careful not to use teeth or claws when playing around, so they would also make an excellent cat for children.

Now that you have a better idea about the most popular, yet very different, cat breeds out there, hopefully you find choosing a cat to be a little less daunting than before. Be sure to remember that lifestyles are important factors to consider; so if you aren't very active, you probably shouldn't choose a cat that requires a lot of activity, and vice versa.

It is equally important that you have the proper supplies to raise a cat. Whether your cat is exclusively an indoor pet or not, a piece of **cat furniture** or pet steps are a great way to ensure that your cat gets the exercise he needs to remain fit.

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