

What to expect from a
**Responsible
Breeder**



- * Do screen potential pet homes for suitability prior to placement
- * Do not let their kittens go before 12 weeks of age
- * Do vaccinate their kittens (at least once) prior to leaving their home
- * Do provide a written health guarantee & contract
- * Do screen the parents of kittens for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (through DNA and ACVIM Board Certified Cardiologist screening) and only breed those cats found negative by both methods
- * Do not allow kittens to be declawed or go outdoors (unless on a leash or in a cat-safe enclosure)
- * Do require kittens to be spayed or neutered if not altered at placement
- * Do provide registration papers once the contract stipulations are met
- * Do have kittens and cats that are well socialized and healthy
- * Do welcome you to their home/cattery to meet the cats and see first hand the environment in which the kittens are raised
- * Do welcome questions and are willing to provide assistance to new kitten homes after the move

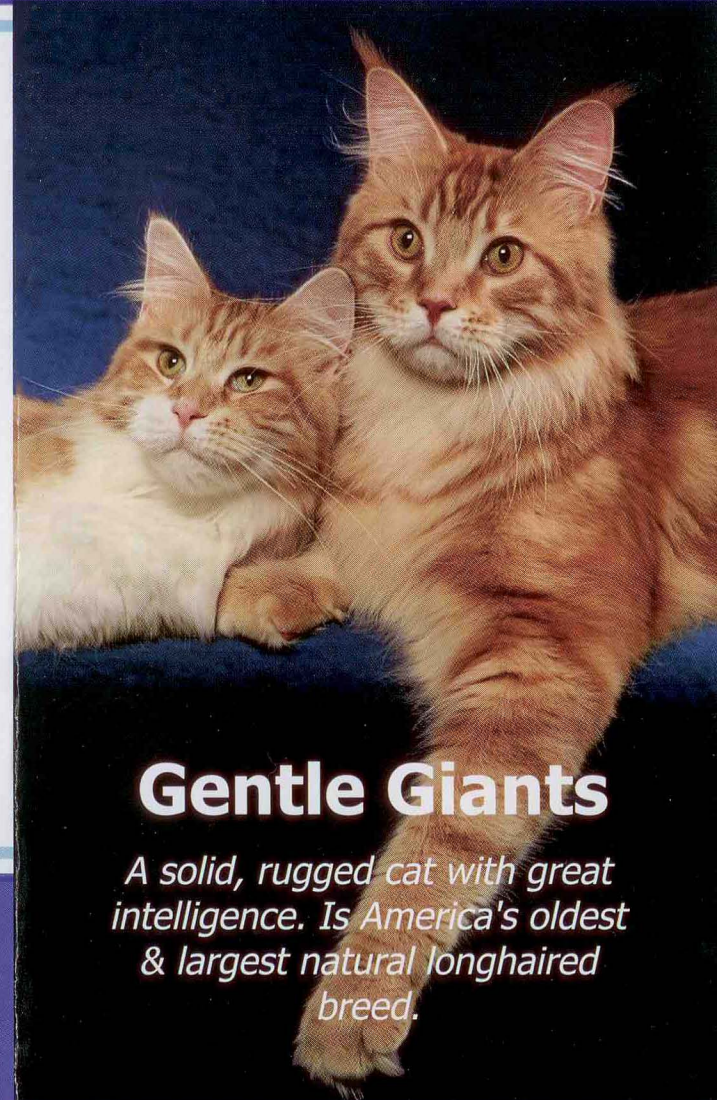
**Buyer's
Responsibilities**

If you have decided to buy a Maine Coon, the following are your responsibilities:



- Unless special arrangements are made with the breeder in advance, kittens should be paid for, in full, when the kitten is acquired.
- Expect to pay all shipping charges.
- Buyer may use his own carrier, supply funds for the breeder to purchase one, or in some cases borrow one from the breeder.
- The kitten should be examined by a veterinarian within 5 days of its arrival (excluding Sundays and holidays) and thereafter, on a regular basis as needed.
- Watch food intake and elimination, expecting the kitten to be nervous and eat less than usual for a day or so until it becomes acclimated
- The kitten should be kept in a small, quiet area with water and litter box until it begins to become adjusted.
- Your cat should be combed often enough to keep it free of hair mats and nails trimmed every two weeks.
- Provide companionship every day.

MAINE COON
Breeders & Fanciers Association



Gentle Giants

A solid, rugged cat with great intelligence. Is America's oldest & largest natural longhaired breed.

REGISTRIES:

American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA)
Canadian Cat Association (CCA)
Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA)
Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF)
Federation Internationale Feline (FIFe)
The International Cat Association (TICA)

ADOPTION:

MCBFA.org lists full breeder members' contact information as well as kittens and retirees available by location.

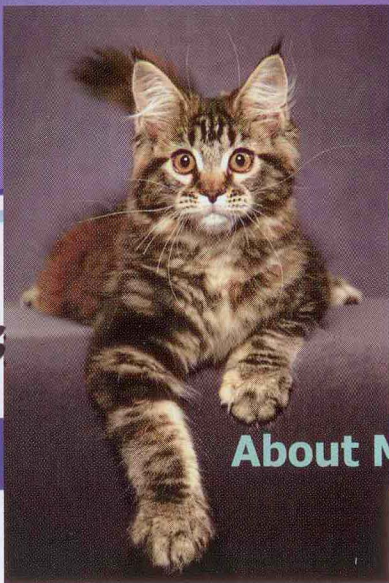
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MCBFA was founded in 1968
to preserve, protect and
promote the **Maine Coon Cat.**

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About Maine Coons

They originated in New England and are North America's only native longhair. Settlers from Europe brought their cats with them. Over the years, those cats' descendants became better adapted for survival in New England's harsh climate. Most Maine Coons are large, shaggy tabby cats with gentle dispositions.

The average weight for an adult male is 14 to 20 pounds. Females are smaller than males and typically weigh from 9 to 12 pounds when fully grown. Maine Coons mature slowly, reaching their full size when they are four to five years old.

Maine Coons are gentle, easy going, people-oriented cats and make excellent indoor pets. They are loving and intelligent and form strong attachments to their people. Many Maines love to play in water. They generally get along well with children, other cats, and dogs.

Other Health Issues some breeders test for

Feline Hip Dysplasia (FHD)
Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
Feline Leukemia (FeLV) & Feline Infectious Virus (FIV)

Their Voices

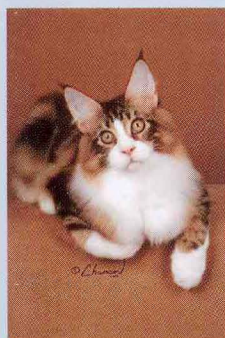
The typical Maine Coon cat trills ("prrrt") or squeaks softly rather than meowing.



• The Maine Coon Breeders & Fanciers Association as an organization subscribes to the Guarantee below & each of its individual members is expected to abide by it. Members failing to adhere to this Guarantee will be subject to action by the association.

MCBFA Guarantee

• Should a veterinarian find a cat or kitten in ill health within 48 hours of arrival (excluding Sundays and holidays), the breeder shall be responsible for any related vet bills caused by conditions in the breeder's cattery, amounting to no more than the purchase price of the cat/kitten. However, the buyer must immediately notify the breeder by phone of any illness or other problems.



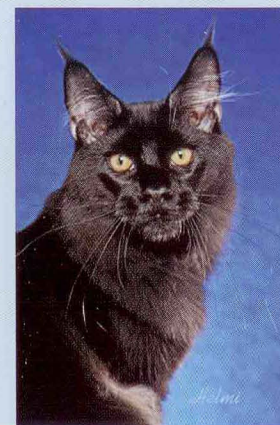
• If requested, the buyer must provide the breeder with a written vet's report. Should a cat or kitten die from an illness contracted prior to shipment, the breeder must replace the cat with one of equal value, or refund the purchase price plus cost of shipping. The total liability of the breeder shall in no case exceed the purchase price plus cost of shipping.

• The purchase of a cat or kitten should be handled as any business transaction and be fully documented in writing. For the protection of all concerned, the use of sales contracts between buyer and seller is strongly urged. MCBFA regrets that it cannot be responsible for the financial liabilities of its individual members.

Silky, shaggy coats in nearly all traditional colors and patterns.

Colors & Patterns

Brown classic and mackerel tabbies are the most common color and patterns. In addition to brown tabbies, you will find Maine Coons span a wide variety of tabby colors from red, cream, red-silver, cream-silver to blue, blue-silver and black-silver tabbies as well as torbies. They can be with white or without. Maine Coons are also seen in solid colors (white, black, blue and red), tortoiseshell (black, blue).



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Fancier Membership is available to anyone interested in the Maine Coon cat & includes the quarterly newsletter, The Scratch Sheet. Visit our website to join or for more information.



Maine Coon Rescue

www.mainecoonrescue.net

Cat Health Information

www.winnfelinehealth.org

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