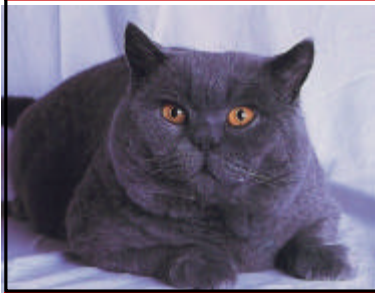


Basics of Cat Breeds



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Selected Cat Associations

- Cat Fanciers' Assoc. – CFA, 1906, largest, 41 breeds
- American Cat Fanciers Assoc. – ACFA, 1955, 46 breeds
- The International Cat Association – TICA
- American Cat Association – 1899

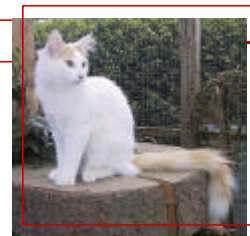
Tabby

- mackerel tabby
- any cat that has a striped pattern
- dark striping on yellowish or gray background
- can't be seen on solid black or solid white cat



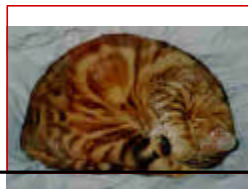
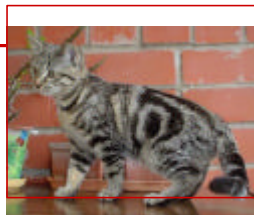
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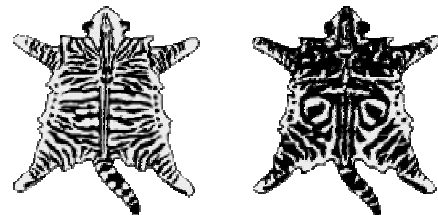


Blotched Tabby

- classic tabby
- round blotch on side



Mackerel vs. Classic Tabby



Abyssinian pattern

- no striping



Domestic Cat Breeds

- Distinct cat breeds - most developed fairly recently
- Two main types:
 - ◆ Short Haired - Am. Shorthair, British Shorthair, Siamese, Burmese
 - ◆ Long Haired - Angoras, modern Persians, Chinchillas, Balinese, Birman, Somali, Maine Coon

Natural vs. Man Made Cat Breeds

- Natural - have existed for a long time
 - ◆ before “genetic” techniques developed or mutation
- Man Made - more recent
 - ◆ Most of the breeds shown here are ‘Man Made’

Abyssinian

- resembles Egyptian paintings
- recent genetic studies indicate SE Asia
- first imported to England 1868
 - ◆ imported from Abyssinia (now Ethiopia)
- first imported to North America
 - ◆ early 1900’s



Egyptian Mau

- Egyptian; 4000 years old; natural bred
- Spotted
- Mau – Egyptian for cat
- Came to U.S. in 1956



Russian Blue

- believed to be natural breed from northern Russia; came to England ~1860



Chartreux

- known since 16th century
- lived with Carthusian monks (France)
 - makers of Chartreux liquor
- blue-gray coat
- woolly double coat



Korat

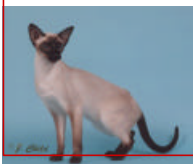
- Thailand, at least 1700's
- imported to U.S. 1959



Siamese

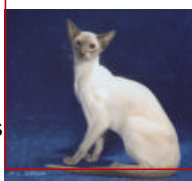
- originated Thailand
- imported to England 1800's
- imported to U.S. early 1900's

Seal Point Siamese



- ❖ tubular body
- ❖ long legs
- ❖ wedge shaped head
- ❖ dark points

Lilac Point Siamese



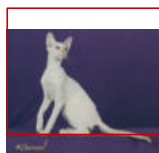
Burmese

- derived from Siamese
- accepted as CFA breed in 1934



Colorpoint short hair

- derived from Siamese in 1947
 - ♦ early breeding emphasized red and cream color points



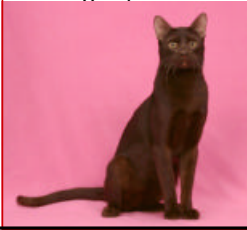
Fonkinese

- derived from Siamese & Burmese
- first recognized as a breed in late 1960's



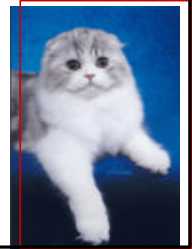
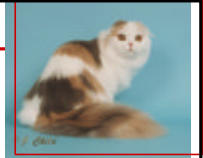
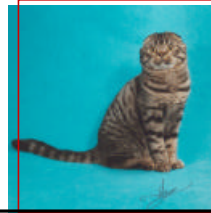
Havana Brown

- probably from Siam
- arrived in England in late 19th century
- mahogany toned brown coat



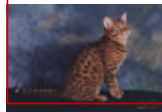
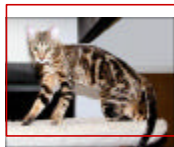
Scottish Fold

- first mutant, Scotland, 1961
- both longhair and shorthair
- both folded and normal ears



Bengal Cat

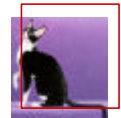
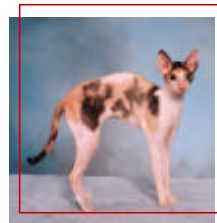
- first fertile cross between the Asian leopard cat, not domesticated, (*Felis bengalensis*), and the domestic cat (*Felis catus*), 1983.



— brown-spotted-tabby — brown-marble —

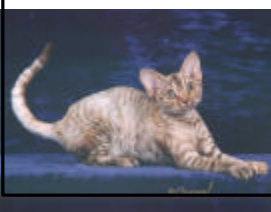
Cornish Rex

- first mutant; Cornwall, England; 1950
- very short, soft, wavy hair



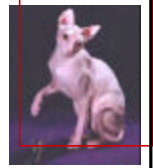
Devon Rex

- wavy coat female;
- found in California shelter about 1960
- Cornish x Devon = straight hair



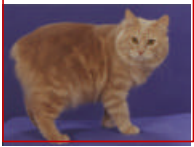
Sphynx

- 'hairless' mutation; Canada, 1966
- actually covered with fine down
- bred to normal cats & back several times



Manx

- hundreds of years old from Isle of Man
- listed as a breed in 1920
- tailless or a few vertebra



Turkish Angora

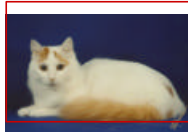
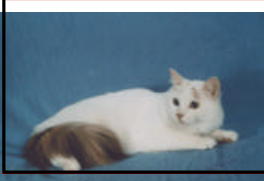
- Angora bred indiscriminately with Persian
- disappeared in early 1900's; known as Longhairs



- rediscovered in Turkish zoo, 1962

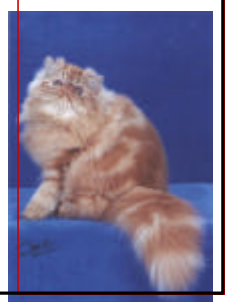
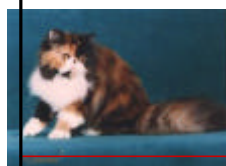
Turkish Van

- ancient breed from central & SE Asia
- Van is a common name in region
- entered England 1955, U.S. 1982



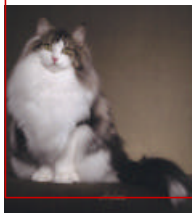
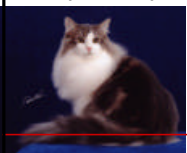
Persian

- old breed; origin Asia Minor
- most popular breed today



Norwegian Forest Cat

- centuries old, official breed 1975
- entered U.S. 1979
- natural breed
- up to 22 pounds



Maine Coon

- native U.S. longhair; shown since 1860's
- 2nd most popular breed in U.S.
- males 13-18 lbs; 20 lbs not unusual



Birman

- entered Europe from SE Asia in 1916
- entered U.S. in 1959
- semi-long haired, medium size
 - golden mantle, white feet, blue eyes



Breeds of Short Haired Cats

Oriental Spotted Tabby



British Blue



Siamese



Breeds of Short Haired Cats

Sphynx



Devon Rex



Breeds of Long Haired Cats

Maine Coon



Chinchilla



Birman

