

The Maine Coon

The Maine Coon is an intelligent, easygoing, rugged cat. Extremely affectionate to all of the family, this cat is quite sociable and will tolerate small children and polite dogs better than most other breeds.

Appearance: Considered the largest natural breed of domestic cat, this “gentle giant” of cats can weigh upward toward fifteen or as much as twenty pounds for males and twelve to fifteen pounds for females when fully mature. Some can even weigh more, some less. They do not fully mature until three to four years of age. The Maine Coon has a long, muscular body with strong legs, a massive chest, a medium-size head, tufted ears, and large, oval eyes. Its coat is long and luxurious, and doesn't matt like some of the other longhaired breeds that carry more of an undercoat. The Maine Coon's tail is especially full and often sports a ringed pattern reminiscent of a raccoon. They have either classic tabby markings (swirls on the side of the body) or mackerel tabby markings (having thin stripes radiating down the sides of the body from the spine, like the bones of a fish) They can sport any recognized tabby color, Brown tabby being the most popular, either with White or not with White. With “White” is meaning that they would have four **solid** White paws with **solid** White on the neck, bib and possibly down the belly. The Van Tabby color is becoming more popular which means that the color (solid or with tabby markings) being on the head, tail, and no more than three small patches on the body and some color allowed on the extremities. Solids and parti-colors are also available in an array of colors, none are pointed.

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