



# Main Coon Cat

Felis catus



## What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Maine Coon is one of the largest breeds of domestic cat, known for its high intelligence and playfulness as well as its distinctive physical appearance. The breed is one of the oldest natural breeds in North America specifically native to the state of Maine ( it is the official State Cat).

This cat is also known as "the gentle giant".

### Habitat / Climate

Cold to hot but prefers cool  
Will do fine in a barn but would rather be in the house.

### Where am I from?

United States



### Who are my relatives?

All domestic cats are my close cousins. I am also related to big cats like Lions and Tigers , but I can do something that they can't!!..... PURR.



### Other family members:

- Puma
- Bob Cat
- Lynx

### Breeding

Average  
4 kittens per litter

### How am I born?

I am born with my fur coat but my eyes are shut they will open at about 4 weeks and I will wean at 6 weeks.

### How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

We are very large and energetic cats, sometimes weighing up to around 25 pounds . Growth to full size often takes longer than for most cats, with Maine Coons usually reaching full size at age four or five. Our lifespan .is 9 to 15 years

### Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	A	P	A	U	U	E	E	C	O	E
	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C

### What kind of family life do I

I do very well with just people around as long as I get my pets and scratches.

### Names for:

- Adult male- Male
- Adult female-Female
- Young- Kitten

### What do I eat and when do I eat?

I eat both dry and wet cat food. My wet cat goes very quickly but I take my time with the dry.

### History

Most breeders today believe that the breed originated in matings between perhaps pre-existing shorthaired domestic cats and overseas long hairs. thick, The fur coat developed outdoors into a coat that is particularly unique and distinct from other long-hair breeds.

"Coon-cats have been recognized as a distinct breed in Maine for so long that the memory of the oldest inhabitant runs back to their beginning." "You will find them in almost any village in that part of the world."



Comments:

We have three Main coons here at the Ranch, Lori Martin used to breed them.