



All About the

# Abyssinian

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# The Abyssinian

## About the Abyssinian

Abyssinian cats are very intelligent, quiet, and loving. They are very active and can easily be taught new tricks. They also like plenty of space and attention. Before choosing an Abyssinian cat as a pet, you need to research on this species very thoroughly to make sure that it can withstand your lifestyle.

Average Weight	10–25 Lbs	Temperament	Intelligent, active, nosy, not a traditional lap cat.
Average Height	Medium build	Good with Children?	Yes. Especially if raised with a child in the house.
Coat	Smooth, medium-haired coat	Health Concerns	Gingivitis, prone to kidney disease.



## Abyssinian Characteristics

Abyssinian cats normally have a medium sized body with very colorful flakes (also known as agouti). This flaking gives them the look of a wildcat.

Abyssinians are very intelligent. They are very people-oriented, loving each time they spend with their human families. They thrive on the interaction and play that they receive from family members. Abyssinians are not traditionally lap cats, though. They are very active and are always interested in their surroundings. They are very nosy as well. An Abyssinian is likely to follow its master around the house to see what he/she is doing.

## Selecting Your Abyssinian Kitten

Making the decision to either adopt or purchase your puppy from a breeder is a matter of personal choice. Both options are discussed here, along with some positives and negatives for both.

### A Few Words About Adoption

Every year, thousands of animals are either captured or turned in by their owners to be adopted. These pets can make wonderful companions and desire a loving home to call their own. When considering adoption, you should choose an animal shelter or rescue in your nearby community that you trust and one that has a long-standing reputation for providing exceptional care to the animals. Shelters that have an on-site vet clinic are a plus. Many facilities will require the pet to be spayed or neutered before the adoption is complete. This fee will be included in the adoption costs.

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## A Few Words About Breeders

Some people will prefer that their Abyssinian come from a reputable breeder. This can be the best choice for owners wishing to show their dog or become breeders themselves. Breeders are good sources of high quality show cats, and even healthy cats bound to be regular house pets. Look in the newspaper or conduct an internet search to find a reputable breeder. Once you have located one, you have to make sure that they are officially registered breeders. Most breeders conduct interviews with prospective buyers to see what type of living situation the cats are going to be subjected to. You, as a prospective cat owner, have to conduct some due diligence as well. You have to make sure that you are acquiring a clean and healthy cat. Be sure to ask to see the living quarters of the cat to ensure that it has been provided with clean surroundings. Also ask to see the cat's parents – this is one way you can tell if your prospective pet comes from a healthy lineage.

Purchasing your Abyssinian from a breeder or adopting are both good choices. You need to be sure to do your research first and to avoid making a quick decision based on immediate availability. Sometimes it is better to build a relationship first with a chosen breeder and plan for an upcoming litter

## How to Choose your Abyssinian

Choosing a new kitten can be one of the most exciting events in your family. It is important that you have done your homework upfront and know what kind of cat you are looking for. Some things to look for when selecting your new kitten are:

- No major skin conditions; clean, healthy coat
- Clean and clear eyes
- Coughing or difficult breathing (signs of respiratory infections)
- Paw pads soft and no deep cracking or infections
- Limping, little or no movement (signs of injury or birth defects)
- Proper weight/size

## Bringing Your Abyssinian Home

Expectant mothers prepare for months for their new arrival. A room is prepared for the new baby, necessary items are stocked, and made easily accessible, with schedules even being adjusted accordingly. While we might not prepare for months for a new kitten, it is important to be ready for your new addition before he arrives. If you have other pets already, you should be sure that their food is in a safe place, at least in the beginning until everyone adjusts.

It's also a good idea to pick up a book on your kitten, so that you can further understand the breed and what sort of things to expect as they grow. Once your kitten comes home, you will want to make an appointment with your vet, if you have one already, or chose one based on a recommendation or by locale. If you have purchased your kitten from a breeder or animal shelter, they have most likely had their first set of shots. Regular visits to the vet will ensure your pet a happy and healthy life. Your vet will also be able to address any concerns, behavior issues, or other questions that you might have.



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### EXPERT TIP

#### Selecting a Carrier

A cat should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed carrier. If you have a Abyssinian kitten, consider the average height and weight of an adult and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Abyssinian is 10 lbs. Choose a sturdy and safe carrier for medium sized breeds such as the Abyssinian.

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## The Abyssinian Kitten

The kitten stage is the best time to mold your pet. This is when he is most receptive to lessons on manners and behavior. Cats tend to be nervous when exposed to new things. If you are not careful, the car ride home and suddenly exposing the kitten to new people and places can be a disaster waiting to happen. Once you get him home, put your kitten in a quiet room so he can relax and get used to his surroundings. Give him toys to keep him from being bored. Cats often require a lot of attention when they first come to a new home, so make sure to spend time with your new kitten.

## The Abyssinian Adult

As your kitten gets older, his needs will change. The most noticeable will be his appetite. If you are using kitten food, you will need to switch to an adult formula at this time to ensure that he is getting all the nutrients and vitamins that he needs. Switch his toys as well, so that he won't get tired and bored with playing with the same stuff everyday. Make sure to keep up with veterinarian appointments to ensure everything is going okay with your little feline friend.

## The Abyssinian Senior

As your cat ages into its senior years, many things will change. One change will be his energy level. He may not be as agile as he used to be. He may also develop arthritis. At this point in time, your cat will need see the veterinarian at least twice a year, whether they are sick or not, just to be sure nothing major develops. His food will need to be changed to a senior formula as well. Like many cats at an older age, there is a need to be more attentive to their behaviors, especially around young children. Older pets can become more irritable, especially when napping or eating. While Abyssinians overall are known to have very good temperaments, you should remember that all pets have their own individual personalities, and everyone can have a bad day.

## Medical Considerations

Abyssinians have an overall good health record. Gingivitis is one problem that Abyssinians are prone to. Keeping your cat on a healthy diet and keeping an eye on their gums and teeth can help prevent this disease from showing up.

Another problem that Abyssinians are prone to is a kidney disorder called Renal Amyloidosis. Many veterinarians believe this is a genetic disease, although more extensive research is needed to establish this fact. With regular visits to your veterinarian, these conditions can be identified and treated early on.



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