



# American Curls

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## About the American Curl

So you have decided to get a pet. Congratulations of your choice of feline. The American Curl is a relatively new breed of cat that has been around since about 1981. They gained popularity and by 1986 they were recognized and registered by the ACF. These cats are gentle and loving. They respond well to children and enjoy any attention they receive. American Curls are a popular breed because they have a curious/innocent look about them and are very intelligent. We hope you will take the time to look over this book we have prepared to make your transition to pet ownership a smooth and joyful experience. Throughout this book you will find information, tips, and even links to veterinarians.

## Pet Selection

Now that you've decided to acquire a pet you must decide exactly how you want to do that. There are a number of ways you can get a cat. First of all, you can just let a few people know you are looking for a pet and many times someone will have a kitten they want to give away. This is an excellent alternative for those living on a limited budget. The only drawback to acquiring a pet this way is that you may have to settle for something a little different than what you were looking for. However, if you are patient and wait long enough you can probably even get a curl by word of mouth. You can also go to the local shelter or humane society to select a cat. Another alternative, purchasing from a breeder, is the best way to assure you get the pet you want.

When you go to choose your new kitten, you should make sure he is healthy and lively. Make sure there is not any cold or matter in the eyes. Does he have a lot of energy and seem to be playful? Or is he lethargic and lazy? Does he respond to your voice and stimulation? Does he investigate what is going around him? These are signs that he is active and healthy.

## On Adoption

Adoption is an excellent way to satisfy your desires of pet ownership and help save an otherwise condemned animal. Some shelters have a policy to place all animals but due to care expenses most euthanize unwanted pets after a waiting period. There will be a small fee when you adopt from a shelter. This usually helps keep the shelter up. You may also have to sign a sterilization agreement. This is the shelter's way of helping control the unwanted pet and stray population. You should question the staff at the shelter about the animal you have selected. They will probably only be able to give you a limited history but should at least be able to answer questions as to the disposition of the cat you want.



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