

# American Curls

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## The American Curl

## 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. The 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 euphonize 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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## **On Breeders**

Purchasing from a breeder is the best way to ensure you get the cat you want. When dealing with a breeder, you pretty much place an order as to the exact cat you want. A breeder should be able to provide you with a complete history of the animal you're taking home. You should be able to see the parents or at least pictures of the parents upon request. Your pet will come with all shots and a complete medical history. Be sure to check with local veterinarians or online to ensure that you are dealing with a reputable breeder.

## Before You Bring Your Pet Home

Now that you have chosen a pet there are a number of things you should do before you bring it home. First of all you should make a list of all the things you'll need when you go shopping.. A good bed, food and water bowls are a must. You will need a good quality kitten food. Some toys and a grooming brush are also necessary. Some kitty treats will be needed to reward good behavior. You should have your kitty's space designated before you bring him home. It is also a good idea to have an appointment scheduled with the local veterinarian for a shots and a general check-up.

## General Characteristics of the American Curl

The American Curl is a loving, friendly cat. They are very intelligent and good with people. You can expect your Curl to live between 7 and 14 years. Curls can have either long hair or short hair and their coats can be any variety of colors. You can expect your new pet to be playful and rambunctious. Your Curl will be comfortable no matter the size of your home as they don't require a lot of space to thrive. The Curl's most obvious characteristic is his namesake. His ears are curled backwards. This is a "naturally occurring genetic mutation."

Average Weight	8-12 pounds	Temperament	Playful, easy going
Average Height	8-12 inches	Good with Children	Yes, very gentle and loving
Coat	Longhair or short hair: both in a variety of colors	Health Concerns	Chronic renal failure, hyperthyroidism, liver disease, diabetes mellitus, and chronic bronchial disease, feline leukemia, feline immunodeficiency virus

#### The American Curl Kitten

Just like any other kitten, your new Curl will need plenty of food and love. You should keep your kitten's food bowl full at all times so he can eat all he wants. He should always have plenty of fresh water to drink. His litter box should be clean and odor free. Curls are extremely intelligent and usually you can set a baby kitten in the litter box several times and he has the hang of using it. It's basically just an instinct thing with cats. The litter box and food should not be placed close together. Your new kitten will require lots of love and attention. You should play with him several times a day for 10 to 15 minutes at a time.



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This gives the two of you a chance to get close and an outlet for the kitty to curb his rambunctious behavior. This is the time to reward proper behavior, as you want it to continue. You should never strike your cat for undesired behavior but use a firm "no" to redirect him. Remember this is a time of exploration and learning for kitty. He will be curious and need direction. Your baby will need a proper scratching post to keep him from scratching up your furniture. This is a natural action that helps shed old nail linings and sharpen existing nails.

#### Your Adult Curl

The Curl will be in kittenhood approximately 1 – 2 years. Maturity level depends on the individual cat but most will reach adulthood by the time they are 2 years old. The adult Curl will be independent and loving. What time he does spend with you he will want to be petted and played with. He will spend much time on his own though. He has learned to content himself by playing with most anything, staring out the window, and stalking around the house. This is natural just as the crouching and pouncing are. These are instincts that haven't been bred completely out of cats since their original captivity. By the age of 2, you should be feeding your cat once a day based on body weight. You should brush his coat often as this will keep shedding down. Also, you can clip his nails to keep him from scratching you and to keep them from getting to long. By now, he will also have a favorite spot or two. Regardless of how nice his bed is, he will want to post himself in some perfect spot; perhaps on the back of your favorite chair or couch. Some prefer a window sill.

#### **Your Senior Curl**

Several years have gone by now. Your baby is now a senior feline. He probably has become a little testy and doesn't play around much anymore. His eating habits are probably changing and you should check with the vet to what the best way to meet his nutritional needs are. You should also be sure the vet checks him regularly for feline diseases that can cause premature death. His dental health is more important at this age than any other as dental problems can lead to an assortment of health problems. It is also very painful for your cat to have poor dental hygiene at this age. You should still groom your feline regularly and make sure he gets plenty of exercise, as he is subject arthritis and other skeletal diseases. Your pet has given you love and happiness over the last several years so try to make his last years as comfortable as possible.

#### **American Curl Medical Considerations**

The American Curl has the primarily the same medical considerations as any other feline. You must have him checked by a vet regularly. Several of the following diseases can be treated if diagnosed and treated early enough. Chronic renal failure, hyperthyroidism, liver disease, diabetes mellitus, and chronic bronchial disease can all cause death if not treated soon enough. Bear in mine that your cat can live a long healthy life if these diseases are treated early enough.



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