



Somalis

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The Somali cats

Introduction

Somali Cats are a breed of cat that are a joy to have as a pet. They will fit in and be just like one of the family. They are very friendly and affectionate. They are a devoted cat and enjoy laying in their owners laps. They make wonderful companions. When choosing a pet, you need to make sure that you research the pet very thoroughly; making sure that it can withstand your lifestyle. This book will cover all the basics from selecting the cat to the cat's senior years. There will checklists included and links to other helpful information. So please take a few minutes to look over all the information included in this book as to ensure your complete happiness with your new pet.

Somali – General Characteristics

Somali cats are a medium build cat with medium-length hair and a bushy tail. They are a breed that is very intelligent and curious. Their coats are ticked, meaning that the hair has a different coloring in places than the rest of the coat. Somali cats are fairly even tempered but are extremely affectionate. They are usually quiet or have a soft voice but they can be very vocal if the need arises. Although their hair is longer than other breeds, they don't shed, which doesn't require a lot of grooming.

Selecting Your Somali cat

When choosing whether to get a new cat, there are two main options for obtaining them. The first one is adoption. You can look in your local community for an animal shelter or clubs that have formed and are taking in abandoned pets. Although these agencies are usually less expensive than purchasing your pet from a breeder, there can be more risks involved. These animals normally come from another home. As temperamental as Siamese cats can be, this could cause problems with them trying to adjust to another home and a new family. But for many people, adoption is the way to go and is perfectly fine if that is your choice.

The second option for getting a new cat is through a breeder. These types of animals are normally purchased to be used as show animals although they can be used as a regular house pet with no problems. Look in the newspaper or conduct an internet search to find a reputable breeder. Once you have located one, you want to make sure that they are registered. Many times, when purchasing from a breeder, the breeder will interview the prospective buyers to see what type of living situation the pet is going in to. Also, if you choose to use a breeder, be sure to ask to see the living quarters of the pets to ensure that they are clean. Also ask to see the mother and father so you can see that everything is okay.



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Either option of obtaining a cat or kitten is perfectly acceptable. It's a matter of choice of the person that is purchasing the pet. Just keep in mind when selecting a pet that it suits your lifestyle and you will be able to care for it correctly.

How to Choose Your New Cat

When determining what type of Somali to purchase, it all comes down to personal choice. Female Somali cats normally have a "silent heat" in which they do not call the male. This can cause an unwanted pregnancy if the animal is not fixed. As far as the age of the animal is concerned, there really is no difference between buying a cat or kitten.

Before You Bring the Kitten (or Cat) Home

Congratulations on your decision to expand your family size. But before you bring that new kitten (or cat) home, you need to make sure that you have some very important items to help him get settled in. The most important ones are listed below.

- Two steel or earthenware bowls. These types of bowls do not hold odors in and are easier to keep clean.
- A litter pan, preferably with a cover. This helps to keep the litter in the pan and gives the cat a sense of privacy.
- A bag of cat litter. Try to get the same brand that the breeders used (or whoever you obtained the cat from).
- A litter scoop. The scoop needs to be a fairly good size with wide enough slats so the reusable litter will slide through easily. Also be sure that the scoop has sides on it to make the job easier.
- A bed to sleep in. You can also include in their bedding a blanket or cover to help with keeping them warm.
- A collar and an ID tag. This will help the cat to be returned if it should ever wander away from home.
- A scratching post. These help to deter the cat from scratching up the furniture. Be sure to get a fairly good-sized one. This will attract them more easily.
- An animal carrier. You will probably need one of these to make those expected trips to the vet. Be sure to get one that will be big enough for your cat when they get full sized.
- Kitten/Cat Food. Try to get the same brand that they are already used to so that it doesn't upset their stomachs.
- Cat Toys. These help to keep the kitten/cat entertained, especially if they are an only pet.



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The Somali Cat Through the Years

Your Somali Kitten

The Somali kitten usually does not adapt well to being left alone. They like to have constant company, whether it is from their human family or from other pets. Use cat toys to help them keep from being bored.

At this stage is when the kitten is able to be molded. This is the time frame that the kitten needs to be taught manners and what's acceptable. They also will begin a dietary regimen at this time that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. At this age, when you introduce something new to the kitten, you need to let them smell it and look it over before putting it down. They need to have two clean bowls for food and water, preferably put on a non-slip surface. Grooming needs can be started at this time so they can get used to it. Somali kittens love to be groomed since it gives them the attention that they desire. Family members need to show the kitten love and affection so the kitten can get used to everyone.

Your Somali 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 change over to an adult formula at this time to ensure that he is getting all his nutrients and vitamins that he needs. Switch his toys that he has on a regular basis so that he doesn't get tired and bored with playing with the same thing everyday. Make sure to keep up with veterinarian appointments so ensure everything is going okay with your little feline friend.

With your kitten getting older, grooming needs to be kept up on. Make sure to keep the cat's fur clean and free of fleas and other pests. Also be sure to check or have them checked for ear mites. This is a very common problem with cats but can be easily treated. Always make sure that you have all the supplies you need for your pet so that you don't have to run out to the store all the time. This will help to keep your cat in good health and keep them around for a while.

Your Somali Senior

As your cat ages into its senior years, many things will change in his life. One change will be his energy level. He may not be as agile as he used to be. He may also develop arthritis. His food will need to be changed to a senior formula if you haven't already. At this point in time, your cat needs to be seeing the veterinarian at least twice a year, whether they are sick or not, just to be sure nothing major comes up.

Be sure when looking to purchase a Somali that their personality will be able to adapt to your lifestyle. Somali cats need lots of attention and love. They can be mischievous and excitable. Be sure to exhibit pictures throughout your home to show how proud you are of your precious kitty and enjoy your life with him.



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Somali Medical Considerations

Gingivitis is one of the most common problems that affect cats today. This condition can be watched by the vet at each visit. Feeding dry food helps to control this from happening.

Some types of Somali are prone to anemia. If you suspect that your cat may have a problem, talk with your vet and request a blood test to determine whether there is a problem or not.



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