AN ELITE BREED OF FELINE CREATED BY ANN BAKER



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RAGGEDY ANN CATTERY

The Ragdoll breed was first created by a woman, Ann Baker, who was breeding Black Persians and worked with Apple-headed Lilac Balinese cats in Riverside, California in the 1960s. The name of her cattery was Raggedy Ann. Ann Baker's client entrance attached to her home. The story of the mother of all Ragdolls is interesting and includes both the famous first cat, Josephine, and her breeder, Ann Baker. Ragdoll cats were bred from preexisting breeds, and as the years went by, the traits that were more desirable were kept and the undesirable traits were bred out of the lines. The results were large, exquisite Ragdoll Cats with serene dispositions. You can see beautiful Traditional Ragdolls at cat shows in your local area.



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DESCRIPTION

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- The Ragdoll is an intelligent, semi-long haired cat with a sweet temperament.
- The Ragdoll may take up to four years to grow large and heavy, as it is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size until that time; furthermore, Ragdolls are muscular, but tend to have a lower abdominal fatty pad.
- Their coat colors consist of Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn, Red, Cream, and Tortie in the Colorpoint, Bicolor, and Mitted patterns. Full color is not reached until 3 years of age. They can be Colorpoint, Mink, Sepia, or Solid in Tortie, Torbie, or overlying lynx, also know as tabby, patterns.





HISTORY

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- Ann Baker, the pioneer and ORIGINATOR of the Ragdoll breed, utilized a pure white cat, Josephine, a Seal Point Mitted type male, Daddy Warbucks, Beauty an unknown Tom cat, and a black male cat, Blackie, believed to be of domestic descent, along with Fugiana, Kyoto and Tiki to create the "Light Side" of her Ragdoll breed.
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- Ann Baker also bred Buckwheat, a Burmese cat in appearance, to Daddy Warbucks that produced kittens carrying the Burmese and pointed genes. These descendants were labeled first the "Dark Side," then "experimental Persians" and finally, "Ragdolls Tu," which included Gueber and Mitts (solid black cats). These Ragdolls, Pointed, Minks, Solids, and Sepias, trace back to the ORIGINAL Ragdolls--*Raggedy Ann Daddy Warbucks, Josephine, Beauty, and Blackie*.





HISTORY II

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The Light Side sprang out of the Dark Side, as Baker bred Daddy Warbucks to Fugiana, but also back to Kookie Tu, Kyoto, and Kookie who sired all pointed kittens to create the Light Side.

Baker created her own breed standard; set up franchisees with breeder sets; established her own Ragdoll organization, IRCA.







HISTORY III

Thereafter, Denny and Laura Dayton, who were the first to R purchase a breeder set, and a group of their followers, dismissed Ann Baker's vision of her Ragdoll and made it their mission to establish a small representation of the Ragdoll breed, the "traditional" blue-eyed variant, in multiple cat fancier associations and show halls in the 70s and 80s.

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a "new" breed.



COLORPOINT GENE: PIGMENT RESTRICTING PATTERNS

- The point gene is carried on the C locus, where pure albinism is also carried. It is shown with the sign cs, and needs two alleles of cs for the points to be expressed.
- The pointed coat color pattern is recessive and is an error in the production of Tyrosinase (TYR). The mutated enzyme is heat-sensitive; it fails to work at normal body temperatures, but becomes active in cooler areas of the skin. As a result, dark pigment is limited to the coldest areas of the body, that is, the extremities.
- Pointed kittens are born white, since the womb is uniformly warm. As the kitten ages, the cooler areas darken while warmer areas remain cream to white in color.
- Points are not limited to solid colors or dark colors. It is possible to have a red (orange color) or fawn (pale warm gray) point. It is also possible to have a tortoiseshell or tabby point.



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THEY ALSO COME IN THE LYNX (TABBY) PATTERN



TRUE RAGDOLLS HAVE BLUE EYES!

Um...NOT really. Traditional Ragdoll cats, like the nontraditional



Ragdoll cats, inherit the genes for producing a specific amount of pigment, or melanin, in their eyes. Traditional Ragdolls carry the Siamese gene mutation, so they do not have enough pigment to achieve green to the rich copper colored eyes of their counterparts. The eyes of all Traditional Ragdoll cats have only tiny amounts of melanin, so their eyes are saturated with light that cause them to appear blue instead of exhibiting coloration or pigment. Their eyes, therefore, appear pale blue to deep cobalt blue. Those with underlying green have the deepest blue; whereas, underlying copper eyes with the most pigment produce a whitish pale blue.





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• Feline Eye Color

• http://messybeast.com/eye-colours.htm



COMMON RANGE OF EYE COLOURS

Eye colour is linked to coat colour and is more intense in pedigree cats.



In random-bred cats (moggies), the eye colour may be less intense and show mixed tones.



YELLOW YELLOW

ODD EYES

Found in cats with white, or mostly white, fur colour.



SIAMESE/TONKINESE/ BURMESE



Siamese Tonkinese Burmese Blue Aqua Golden

The Tonkinese aqua (turquoise) colour is intermediate between Siamese blue and Burmese copper.



(\mathbf{D}) Blue-eyed Lilac-eyed Pink-eyed albino albino

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The structure of the cat's eye means that an unpigmented iris appears lilac rather than pink Pink-eved albino cats are uncommon.

UNUSUAL OR BREED-SPECIFIC COLOURS



Ojos Azules

Ice Blue

Occasional mutation.

Chinchilla Turquoise

Combines cornflower Found in black-tipped (Chinchilla) blue eves with noncolour. white fur.



White Haloed Sometimes seen in blue-eyed white cats due to pigment distribution in the iris.



Dichroic Eyes

Two distinct colours in a single eye. May appear as a "pie slice" or a coloured ring around the pupil.

EYE COLOR

According to Dr. Cris Bird, and the authors of *Robinson's Genetics for Cat Breeders and Veterinarians*, cats with hidden copper genes will scatter more white light in their eyes. Their eyes will look very pale, whitish blue. Cats with hidden green genes will have very deep, dark blue eyes. Cats with the right mix of hidden genes for eye colors such as chartreuse, yellow, or gold will end up with blue eyes that are intermediate in color between whitish blue and navy blue.

That green to copper spectrum of the domestic cat underlies the navy blue to whitish blue spectrum of the purebred cat. The same genes are behind both spectra...the Siamese mutation greatly reduces the amount of pigment produced in the eyes, allowing light to fill the eyes instead, and that shifts the eye color spectrum from green/copper to navy blue/whitish blue.

Blue Eye Spectrum





Green

HOW DO WE PRODUCE POINTED RAGDOLLS?



- Pointed "Traditional" Ragdoll cats are produced by parents carrying and passing on their Siamese colorpoint alleles of "cs."
- A solid (Ccs) Ragdoll bred to a mink (cbcs) Ragdoll will produce 25% traditional kittens.
- Two mink Ragdoll parents mated, a combination of cbcs, will produce 25% traditional kittens.
- A traditional (cscs) cat bred to a mink (cbcs) Ragdoll will produce 50% traditional kittens.
- A solid (Ccs) Ragdoll to a traditional (cscs) will produce 50% traditional kittens.
- If both Ragdoll parents are cscs, RECESSIVE BRED TO RECESSIVE, then 100% of the kittens will be traditional.
- With only one, or no copies of this gene, the cat will have pigmentation over the whole body and is considered a "solid" colored cat (CC or Ccs)—without solid and mink, the pointed "Traditional" Ragdoll WOULD NOT EXIST!

SHOW HALL CLIMATE

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D O Traditionalists in the show halls have not been the most welcoming to those who breed the minks, sepias, and solids—and that is to put it nicely. ALL purebred cat breeders should make it a point to show their cats, at least once per year, in order to learn their standard and to see how their cats measure up, as well as determine where improvements are to be made. Showing once annually should be a priority and a condition to maintaining cattery registration.

If a breeder claims to be an advocate for the Ragdoll breed, they should learn their history, as well as Ragdoll genetics, and become a mentor to those who desire and need it—whether they breed traditional or nontraditional Ragdolls. Showing is competitive, but it should also be a positive, enjoyable learning and bonding experience.



HISTORY IV

 Minks, Sepias, and Solids do not adhere to the breed standard of multiple organizations and clubs, which state that a Ragdoll is a blue-eyed pointed cat. This was, and is, the written standard initially created and commercialized by the Daytons who PURCHASED blue eyed Ragdolls from Ann Baker, a savvy, innovative business woman in a "man's world," a cat breeder, of the 1960s.

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- Colorpoints, Solids, and Mink Ragdolls have been in existence and registered with both IRCA and TICA, as can be seen in the photos that follow, and can be traced back to the ORIGINAL Ragdolls.
- Note that the following documents list Ann Baker, herself, as the breeder and identify these cats as Ragdolls. She also, personally, signed the IRCA Breeder Registrations.

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CRAZSII (MINK)





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RAGDOLLS IN MINK ...

- When a cat carries the genes cs and cb, the mink pattern is formed, in which the pigment distribution is between a sepia and a pointed cat.
- Phenotypically, it is characterized by the same color dilution as with the cs gene. However, there is *not as profound a sensitivity to skin temperature* and therefore the body coat color is darker and much closer to that of the points. An "additive" relationship exists between the cs and cb genes. What this means is that when an animal is heterozygous for cs and cb (known as mink), the coat color expression is halfway between that of a point (cscs) and a sepia (cbcb).

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RAGDOLLS IN SEPIA...

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- Also carried on the C locus, is the gene for the sepia pattern. This is the darkest of all of the pigment restricting patterns, and pigment is only paled at the warmest point in the body--the abdomen. This pattern's gene is represented by cb.
- The Burmese phenotype results from reduced pigment production changing black pigment to sepia and orange to yellow. The Burmese points are darker than the body and the eyes are yellow-gray or yellow-green.



SOLID RAGDOLLS!

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- A solid Ragdoll carries one of 3 genes for full color:
- C/C: Full color, cat does not carry Burmese (sepia) or Siamese alleles
- C/cb: Carrier of Burmese (sepia) color
- C/cs: Carrier of Siamese colorpoint restriction.







MORE SOLID RAGDOLLS!



RAGDOLL (RD)

HEAD 40 points
Shape
Ears 5
Eyes 7
Chin 5
Muzzle 4
Profile 9
Neck 1
BODY 35 points
Torso 8
Legs/Feet 5
Tail 4
Boning 10
Musculature 8
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 25 points
Length 4
Texture 8
Pattern 6
Color

CATEGORY: Pointed.

DIVISIONS: Solid Point Division, Tortie Point Division, Tabby Point Division, Solid Point /white, Tortie Point/white, Tabby Point /white Divisions (mitted and bicolor pattern ONLY).

COLORS: All pointed colors.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None. HEAD:

Shape: Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, slightly rounded forehead (not domed), appearance of flat plane in area between ears, skull medium in size.

Ears: Medium in size, broad at base, rounded tip. Set as much on top of the head as on the side, slightly tilted forward.

Eves: Blue, large, oval, moderately wide-set, outer aperture to fall in line with base of ear.

Chin: Well-developed.

Muzzle: Rounded, medium in length; in line with wedge.

Profile: Chin well-developed in line with nose. Straight nose to bridge followed by change of direction to gentle curve to brow. Appearance of flat plane between ears.

Neck: In proportion to head and

torso. BODY:

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<u>Torso</u>: Medium-long to iong, substantial. Broad chest. Fat pad on lower abdomen acceptable. Females may be smaller than males.

Legs: Substantial boning, in proportion to body, hind legs slightly longer then front legs.

Feet: Large, round, tufting desirable. Tail: Equal to length of body. Thicker at base, with slight taper.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled with solid weight.

COAT:

Length: Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations.

<u>Texture</u>: Silky soft, plush. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

COLOR: Even, lighter color on the body with minimal shading. Definite contrast between body and point color. Allow for darker body color in older cats. Allow for undeveloped color in young cats.

SOLID POINT DIVISION:

Points: Ears, mask, legs, feet and tail to be darker, well-defined color.

Body: Chest bib and chin areas may be somewhat lighter in color. Soft shadings of color are allowed.

ANY COLOR AND WHITE

DIVISION:

Mitted Pattern:

Head: May have a broken or evenly matched white blaze on nose and/or between eyes. White not to extend into the inner corner of the eye, nose leather or whisker pads. Chin must be white. Front feet: Evenly matched white mittens not to extend above bend of paw. All toes to be white.

Back Legs: White goes up to and around the hocks entirely and extends no higher than mid-thigh.

Body: White stripe extending from chin through chest and length of belly.

Bicolor Pattern:

Head: White inverted "V" on face that completely surrounds the pink nose leather and does not extend beyond the outer edge of the eye on either side. The "V" to be as symmetrical as possible. White Chin.

<u>Body</u>: Chest, stomach and ruff are white. Saddle may include white or shading in body color.

<u>Feet and Legs</u>: All white preferred. Small spots of point color allowable.

Paw Pads: Pink preferred, but mixture of color on paw pads acceptable because of two colors in pattern.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue eyed pointed cat with a sweet personality. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy, but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length.

PENALIZE:

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<u>General</u>: Short tail, pointed ears, short legs; cobby body, round eyes, Roman nose, straight profile, wooly/cottony coat texture.

Mitted: Lack of white belly stripe;

white on ears and/or tail.

Bicolor: White beyond the outside edge of the eye. White on ears and/or tail.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

General: Crossed eyes, any eye color other than blue.

Pointed: Any white. Mitted: Lack of white chin.

Bicolor: Any dark markings inside

the white "V" including the chin.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing , except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

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