

Beauty and brains

1. Many people *think* that their pet cat breed is the greatest, but we all know that there is one that is clearly the best: the Siamese! Out of over forty different official breeds of cat, this one is very special. Intelligence and great looks are combined to make this one of the most popular breeds of household cats in the world.
2. If you want a pet that's beautiful and will be admired by everyone, then get a Siamese. Their defined colouring make them unique and they have the most brilliant, sparkling blue eyes. Siamese cats have a sleek, smooth body. This makes them look exotic, which they are since, unlike other cats, they originally come from Thailand! They are known for their 'points' which are their face, ears, feet and tail. These are generally a darker colour than their creamy-coloured fur. Siamese are born with either a cream or white coat, but get their points around four weeks of age. They can have all sorts of different coloured points including seal (grey), blue, chocolate, cinnamon, apricot and caramel! How could you resist a caramel cat?
3. Siamese make wonderful companions. These cats love to be around humans and hate to be ignored. They always want to be the centre of attention and will meow and purr to make sure that you know they are around. Siamese are adoring and loyal and, like some cats, often love nothing more than to curl up in your lap for a rest. Plus, Siamese are good for those who have allergies. Their short, fine fur doesn't seem to bother people with allergies as much as other breeds.
4. Siamese cats have loads of personality! These felines are a social pet and like to be around their owners. They can be very active and playful and are known to 'talk' to their owners through a range of meowing sounds. Siamese are famous for their very loud voice which can make the sound of a crying baby at times. They can be trained to play fetch, walk outside on a leash and even do tricks! Can your cat do that? There will never be a dull moment if you have a Siamese in the house.
5. The Siamese is a healthy cat that will stay with you for a long time. Their average life span is around 14 - 20 years and they have very few health problems. It's a good idea not to feed them milk though. Like other cats they can't properly digest the lactose found in cow's milk. These pets like to keep themselves groomed and clean, so if you like a pet that isn't messy or dirty then they are for you.
6. So you can see without a doubt that the Siamese cat really is the greatest pet. They are beautiful and smart, fun and loving, and can even do some tricks. But don't be fooled, it has been said that you don't own a Siamese, it owns you!

