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Deciding to add a kitten as an integral part of the family is a huge decision. The choice shouldn't be made on a whim, or based on the kitten's cuteness.

Most people prefer the opportunity to interact with kittens first and become familiar with how they are raised prior to making a decision. Most want to be provided with a good contract protecting both, kitten and buyer. This, and love for the kitten, will provide a solid foundation to begin life as a new family. Having any opportunity to visit breeders, provides you insight to health risks as you personally view your kitten's environment, and see the kitten's ability to interact and socialize with you.

Many Bengal breeders will often become lifetime friends mentoring and assisting you with direction as your pet travels through its life.

TIBCS recommends you investigate if a breeder or their cattery is a member of a credible breed organization such as TIBCS, requiring strict adherence to a Code of Ethics, and if they have signed that Code of Ethics.

Any investment in a Bengal kitten or cat by you as an individual, will be as good as the research, time, quality and care you give to it.

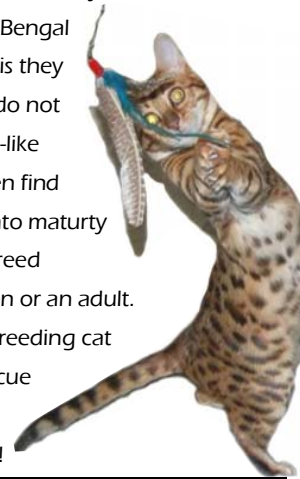


The "snows" come in several color variations; seal lynx point, seal mink and seal sepia are the most common snows. They express a light background with markings from charcoal gray to light and dark brown shades. Contrast between the background and markings can vary greatly depending on the individual cat, as can eye color. Blue eyes are allowed only on the lynx point. The newest color of Bengal to be accepted is the striking silver.



The fun of owning a Bengal cat often begins with a kitten. Yet, one of the many fun traits of the Bengal breed is they often do not

lose their playful, inquisitive, kitten-like personality as adults. You will often find them up to kittenish antics even into maturity making the Bengal a wonderful breed whether you're considering a kitten or an adult. You may wish to adopt a retired breeding cat from a reputable breeder, or a rescue from one of several Bengal rescue organizations. They need love too!



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# The Bengal Cat



The Bengal is a medium to large domestic feline that originates from crossing the small Asian Leopard Cat (ALC) to the domestic cat, creating a companion with an exotic look and a friendly domestic temperament.

ALCs are beautiful and exotic looking animals, roughly the same size as the average housecat. They vary in coloration and markings depending upon the sub-species. The ALC has played an important role in the Bengal breed's creation, but it is not a pet.



Four/five generations after breeding Bengal-to-Bengal, the Bengal breed is recognized for championship competition by most international domestic cat associations, including TICA, ACFA, GCCF, FIFe and AACE.

The Bengal's beautiful coat makes it stand out in a crowd. Shades ranging from brown and orange, to sand, buff, silver or ivory make up the background color. The pattern also varies in color, from shades of light and dark brown, to charcoal or black. Some Bengal patterns display striking rosettes, spots or swirls made up of more than one color, usually a secondary color



forming a dark outlining of the pattern.



The Bengal cat can be spotted or marbled. The marbled pattern is

created by the combination of rosettes from the ALC and the domestic classic tabby pattern, producing a "marbled" look with one or more colors swirled into the base colors.

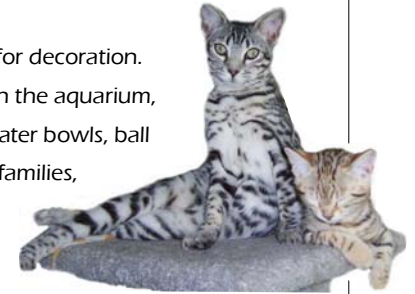
Ideally, both spotted and marbled patterns should have a horizontal flow rather than a vertical appearance. Since the original goal of the Bengal breeder was to capture the look of the exotic spotted ALC, the dominant spotted pattern is most common.

The Bengal cat is active and has a happy, interactive and extremely intelligent personality. Every domestic cat breed has its unique features, and the exotic heritage of the Bengal cat can be seen in its every day activities. While Bengals will happily search out on a lap, or stretch out on the sofa next to you during naptime, they are very active during the rest of the time.

The energetic Bengal is not for people who just want a



leopard print cat for decoration. Whether fishing in the aquarium, playing in their water bowls, ball fetching for their families, taking walks on a leash or climbing to the top of the



highest cupboards, Bengals are constantly on the move. Bengals are perfect for those who want to interact and play with their cat daily. Like many other varieties of pet, the Bengal cat demands a good deal of attention and affection and enjoys being an integral part of the family.

The International Bengal Cat Society, Inc. (TIBCS) is a society of Bengal enthusiasts, proud to bring this exquisite feline, Bengal cat information and breeders to the web at [www.tibcs.com](http://www.tibcs.com). We hope you will share our excitement over this rapidly developing breed.

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