

Our breeding objective

Our goal is to breed the true, original Maine Coon with their typical wild look (the extreme feral style) and their impressive size. Their preservation in the original, traditional colours (corresponding to the standard) and without crossing with other breeds (e.g. point breeds such as Siamese, Burmese, Ragdoll or mixes from these). We do not place too much importance on the closely related, old lines and try to diversify the gene pool with rarer line combinations. Our priority is the health and excellent temperament of our cats. We raise healthy, good-natured animals with a sociable and affectionate character typical for the breed. Our cats are very “typey”, large and always friendly and cuddly with visitors.

We do not experiment with unknown or new colour variations. That is why we only breed animals based on proven, old American lines whose origins can be traced back to the very beginnings of the breed. We do not breed new foundation lines or animals with this background, nor animals from the Marala Cattery (USA) or their offspring. Breeding with widespread breeding lines from the large fashionable breeds is not our aim either. All of our breeding cats are regularly HCM screened, gene tested for SMA, PKD and HCM, and tested negative for the Siamese point colour variation (or born to negative-tested parents) in order to exclude crossing with foreign breeds. We don't breed with point carriers, this an absolute no-go !

All of our cats are also vaccinated against cat ‘flu, feline panleukopenia, feline leukemia as well as feline calicivirus and feline herpes. We take great care to ensure the highest quality in our breeding programme.

Here is the link to the WCF race standards of Maine Coon Cats

A little note respective the point matter; for the interested reader und new breeders:

The Maine Coon cat is a natural race developed in northern America (as a service- and farm cat), a pure preservation breed, with laid down standards.

This standard was established to conserve the form the people know the typical and awesome yankee cat, before it was almost disappeared or died out by the breeding of then exotic races like persian, birma or siam. With the coming up of these races the Maine Coon cat was merged with these and almost forgotten.

It's due to some dedicated breeders that this has not happend everywhere. Their aim was to save the Maine Coon Cat in their original form like it was before it was influenced by the exotic races. So the standard, which prohibits the colour version point, was established. The Maine Coon Cat is a natural race which is developed in northern America (developed from descendants of european ship- and immigration cats). A colour mutation (point colour from siam or birma) from Asia has no place in this race! In Europe there was originally no colour mutation with point. This colour mutation was established verifiably only in Asia, and when it appears in european races, because point races or crossbreeds were deliberately or undeliberatly mixed with Maine Coon Cats.

The fixed idea of some rotten apples and tomfools to breed Maine Coon with point colored cats, has definitely no purpose for the race, but the selling and the purse of these breeders ! To undercut this standard these breeders simply found new breeder clubs and do not blench to certificate new pedigrees for animals which are point or point carrier, not conforming to the

standard. This behaviour expulses all principles of breeding, this is not a wide difference to illegal breeding !

These cats must be taken out of Maine Coon breeding, which would be correct !

It is a tempting and entrapped idea to breed an colour point Maine Coon Cat; it is exotic and something new. But there is one thing to notice: It is not the original, not the real old shag cat, the founders of the race saved from the extinct and by following the standard this cat could be saved in past and future.

However who thinks that a colour point Maine Coon has to be (indeed there are many semi long hair races with this colour mutation), should breed or created such. But this one has to be official and declared as an one race! With its own standard and breeding book, separated from the real Maine Coon – and hands off the original !

The Maine Coon is something special, through characters and their typical, wild and awesome look.

It's the duty of their breeders to save te race as it is, there no need to change anything, if this is not done, you can see at the example of Siam or Persian Cats clearly.

Yours

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