

Quick Tips



- Know the breed standard and what colours and patterns the kittens should be possible (and not possible)
- Talk to the breeder
- Get references or reviews
- Make sure there's a health guarantee
- Take the kitten to your vet for an exam within three days of getting it home

Cat Associations

Canadian Cat Association
(CCA-AFC)
<http://www.cca-afc.com>

The International Cat
Association
(TICA)
<http://www.tica.org>

Cat Fanciers Association
(CFA)
<http://www.cfa.org>

Ragdolls

Find the Right Breeder



**Tips to adopting a
healthy, happy
Ragdoll kitten.**

Breeders

Good vs Bad

It is important to find a good breeder with whom you can talk easily and trust.

A good breeder will also want to talk to you to ensure that the kitten they've put lots of love and care into is going to a suitable home.

A good kitten representing its breed will be pedigreed and registered with a cat association (see back of flyer).

Good Breeders:

- Have cattery registered in at least one cat association
- Have had their Kings & Queens genetically tested for HCM (a heart condition genetically passed) and will offer at least a 3 year health guarantee
- Will interview you
- Will allow you to come to their home to pick up the kitten and their house will be clean, tidy and have no strong odors
- Don't let their kittens go home until they are at least 12 weeks of age

Bad Breeders:

- Raise lots of kittens per year
- Don't know the breed standard
- Don't know the congenital defects of the breed
- Aren't interested in what kind of home you have for the kitten
- Don't know the kitten's character
- Don't have pedigreed cats as Kings and Queens
- Gives breeding rights on pets

Find a Good Breeder

- Check cat association websites for lists of breeders
- Check breeder's websites for
 - information about their cats
 - what courses they have taken
 - activity in cat associations
 - if possible double check what they claim (e.g. cat titles)
- Go to local cat shows and meet breeders and see their cats and how they do in shows. See how the breeder treats their cats.

Healthy Kittens:

- Have clear eyes that don't run
- Should neither be sneezing nor have a runny nose
- Are not lethargic
- Do not have diarrhea
- Do not have a bloated belly
- Have coats that are clean and not matted

