

Cats Around the World:

The Breeds That Stand Out in Each Country

Cats have conquered homes in almost every corner of the world, but preferences for certain breeds can vary greatly from one country to another. While some places have a strong presence of domestic mixed-breed cats, others show considerable interest in breeds such as Maine Coon, Ragdoll, British Shorthair, Siamese, and Persian. In the following sections, we will explore some of the cats that stand out in the selected countries, discover fascinating facts about each breed, and identify which cat appears in the greatest quantity or stands out among the others in each country, based on the research data provided.

Brazil

In Brazil, the clear standout is the Domestic Shorthair / mixed-breed cat (SRD), which represents by far the largest presence among the cats in the selection. Commonly referred to in Brazil as “vira-latas,” these cats can display an extraordinary variety of colors, coat patterns, sizes, and personalities. One of the most fascinating things about them is precisely this diversity: two mixed-breed cats can look completely different from one another. Among the recognized breeds, the Siamese stands out strongly, followed by the Persian and Maine Coon, along with breeds such as Turkish Angora, Ragdoll, Angora, American Shorthair, Bombay, and Brazilian Shorthair.

The Siamese is famous for its elegant appearance, striking eyes, and highly communicative personality. The Persian is known for its long, luxurious coat and generally calm demeanor, while the Maine Coon impresses with its enormous size and majestic appearance. The Ragdoll is also admired for its gentle temperament. Brazil therefore offers a fascinating combination of enormous mixed-breed diversity and a growing interest in pedigree cats that have captured people's attention through both appearance and personality.

United States

In the United States, the selection includes some of the world's best-known cat breeds and domestic categories, including American Shorthair,

Domestic Shorthair, Domestic Longhair, Siamese, Maine Coon, Ragdoll, Russian Blue, Bombay, Bengal, and Persian. Domestic Shorthair and Domestic Longhair cats represent an important part of the feline population. The American Shorthair deserves particular attention because of its long association with the development of the domestic cat population in North America and its sturdy, well-balanced appearance.

The country is also known for its strong interest in breeds such as the Maine Coon, Ragdoll, and Bengal. The Maine Coon is famous for its impressive size, magnificent tail, and friendly reputation; the Ragdoll is admired for its gentle nature; and the Bengal attracts attention with its coat pattern reminiscent of wild cats. Among the selected cats, domestic cats, especially the Domestic Shorthair, stand out as an important presence, while the recognized breeds continue to attract enormous interest from cat lovers.

United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, the British Shorthair is the major standout in the selection, appearing well ahead of the other breeds in the numbers provided. Its rounded body, dense coat, and distinctive expression make it one of the most recognizable British cats. One fascinating detail is how strongly this breed is associated with the traditional image of the British cat, thanks to its compact body and dignified appearance. The Ragdoll and Maine Coon follow behind it.

The British selection also reveals an interesting variety of breeds, including Siamese, Burmese, British Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Persian, Russian, and Devon Rex. The Devon Rex, for example, surprises with its short, wavy coat and unusually large ears, giving it a very distinctive appearance. Even with this impressive variety, the British Shorthair is clearly the most numerous cat in the provided data, reinforcing its strong presence in the British feline world.

France

France presents an impressive standout: the Maine Coon, which appears far ahead of the other breeds in the selected data. Known as one of the largest domestic cat breeds, the Maine Coon combines an imposing size, magnificent tail, and almost wild appearance with a reputation for being sociable. This contrast is one of the things that makes the breed so

fascinating: despite its powerful appearance, many Maine Coons are known for being affectionate and excellent companions.

Following the Maine Coon are the Ragdoll, Birman, British Shorthair, Bengal, and Siberian, along with British Longhair, Chartreux, Persian, and Norwegian Forest Cat. The Chartreux, a breed traditionally associated with France, is especially interesting because of its blue-gray coat and expressive eyes. The French selection therefore brings together cats with very different origins, but the Maine Coon is clearly the leading breed in quantity among those included in the research.

Germany

In Germany, the European Shorthair is the most prominent cat among those selected, followed by mixed-breed cats. This breed is known for its balanced appearance and wide variety of coat colors and patterns. Its popularity also reflects an interesting characteristic of European domestic cats: they can display enormous physical diversity without necessarily belonging to a highly specialized pedigree breed.

The British Shorthair also has a strong presence, followed by the Maine Coon and Persian. The Maine Coon attracts attention because of its impressive size, while the Persian is famous for its luxurious coat and sophisticated appearance. The Bengal adds an exotic touch to the list with its wild-looking coat patterns. Among the cats presented, therefore, the European Shorthair is the most numerous in Germany, followed by mixed-breed cats.

Japan

Japan offers a particularly fascinating selection, with the Scottish Fold appearing as the most numerous cat in the data provided. The breed is immediately recognizable because of its forward-folding ears, which give it an unmistakable appearance. It is followed by the mixed-breed cat and the Munchkin, famous for its unusually short legs. The Ragdoll and Minuet also hold notable positions.

The Japanese selection also includes the Siberian, British Shorthair, American Shorthair, Norwegian Forest Cat, and Ragamuffin. The contrast between these breeds is fascinating: while the Munchkin attracts attention because of its short legs, the Norwegian Forest Cat and Siberian impress

with their abundant coats. Among all the selected cats, the Scottish Fold is the most numerous, making it the leading feline in the Japanese selection.

Canada

In Canada, the selection includes both domestic cats and internationally recognized breeds. The list features Domestic Shorthair, American Shorthair, Domestic Longhair, Ragdoll, Bengal, Siamese, British Shorthair, Maine Coon, Persian, and Russian Blue. Domestic cats deserve special attention because they represent an enormous variety of animals living as companions in Canadian homes without necessarily belonging to a specific pedigree breed.

Among the recognized breeds, the Maine Coon has a particularly interesting connection to North America and is famous for its impressive size and long, flowing tail. The Ragdoll is known for its gentle temperament, while the Bengal has a more exotic appearance. Because the Canadian selection includes both domestic categories and specific breeds, the Domestic Shorthair stands out as the leading category among those presented, alongside a remarkable variety of popular pedigree breeds.

Australia

In Australia, the selection highlights five breeds: Ragdoll, British Shorthair, Maine Coon, Siamese, and Bengal. The Ragdoll is the leading breed in this selection and is known worldwide for its gentle temperament and elegant appearance. Its name is associated with the idea of a “rag doll,” reflecting the tendency of some cats of the breed to relax considerably when being carried.

The British Shorthair adds its sturdy body and dense coat to the group, while the Maine Coon impresses with its enormous size. The Siamese is known for its active and highly vocal personality, while the Bengal attracts attention with its exotic, wild-cat-like appearance. Among the five selected breeds, the Ragdoll stands out as the leading cat in Australia, forming, together with the British Shorthair and Maine Coon, a trio of particularly popular choices among cat lovers.

South Korea

In South Korea, the selection produces a particularly interesting result: the Korean Shorthair is the clear leader, followed by the Russian Blue and

Persian. The Korean Shorthair represents a category of domestic cats widely found in the country and can display many different colors and coat patterns. Their appearance can vary considerably, making each individual cat unique.

The Russian Blue is recognized for its distinctive blue-gray coat and expressive eyes, while the Persian attracts attention with its sophisticated appearance and long, luxurious fur. The data provided shows a considerable difference between the three categories, making the Korean Shorthair the most numerous cat among those selected in South Korea. This predominance also demonstrates how strongly local domestic cats can be represented alongside internationally recognized breeds.

Italy

In Italy, the selection includes Maine Coon, Persian, Bengal, Ragdoll, and British Shorthair, five breeds that represent very different feline characteristics. The Maine Coon immediately attracts attention with its large size and majestic appearance. The Persian, on the other hand, is recognized for its long coat and distinctive facial features. The Bengal sparks curiosity because of its coat, which resembles that of a small wild feline.

The Ragdoll adds a gentler and calmer profile to the selection, while the British Shorthair is known for its compact body and dense coat. Since the data provided for Italy does not include individual numbers for these five breeds, it is not possible to determine quantitatively which breed is the most numerous in the country. Nevertheless, the Maine Coon is one of the strongest highlights of the selection, especially because of its impressive size and worldwide popularity.