

10 Reasons Why Maine Coon Cats Make the Best Pets

There are many reasons why these cuddly, playful and intelligent cats make the best pets. Not only are these cats large, but they have huge personalities. These cats are not clingy, yet are very loving and social. They also do well in homes with children and multi-pet households. With so much to love it's hard to narrow down all the great traits of these gentle giants.

1-Beauty

With their luxurious locks these cats carry a regal presence. They have the perfect pairing of stunning looks and an incredible personality. The Maine Coon comes in a wide array of coat colors and patterns so you can be very discriminatory if you have a coat color preference.

2-Family-Friendly

Maine Coon cats are a great addition to families with children. [The Family-Friendly Maine Coon: Bonding with Kids](#) gives additional tips for bringing these gentle giants into households with children. These cats are known for their patience and are sociable with everyone in the household.

3-Loyal

These big cats have a big heart and although they love and socialize with everyone in the household, they tend to form a very close bond with one family member. Maine Coons are often remarked to have dog-like tendencies, as they often follow their owners around.

4-Intelligent

Maine Coon cats are highly trainable. [Training Your Maine Coon: Tips and Tricks for Success](#) will give additional guidance on basic commands, clicker training and more advanced training solutions. These cats are known to be one of the most intelligent cat breeds. They often enjoy walking on a leash, playing fetch and may even turn on the sink or open doors.

5-Good in Multi-Pet Households

While many cat breeds do not enjoy other pets, Maine Coon cats are very social. They tend to get along with both other cats and dogs in the household.

6-Independent

Maine Coon cats are very loving and friendly, however these cats are not overly clingy and do not tend to become overly anxious when their owner is not present. They may follow you from room to room, but will wait until you are ready to enjoy some cuddles on the couch.

7-Great Indoor Pets

Maine Coon cats are easy to train to use the litterbox. They can have very full lives even when living strictly indoors. [Enrichment Tips for Thriving Cats](#) will help to create a stimulating environment and ensure your Maine Coon gets plenty of exercise. Training them to walk on a leash may also allow for additional exercise if you have a safe area to walk them or take them with you on errands, like a trip to your favorite pet store.

8-Affectionate

Maine Coons are the perfect balance of cuddles without clinginess. While they enjoy being with you, they are not so demanding that they insert themselves into your every move. They are very loving and social. These cats have such huge hearts that they can love everyone in the household.

9-Good Health

It is very important to purchase your Maine Coon from a reputable breeder. [Let's Talk About "Adopt Don't Shop" for Maine Coon Cats](#) will help guide you in choosing a healthy kitten from a responsible breeder that screens for health issues. Ensuring your cat receives the correct diet and exercise will help it to live a long, full life. The Maine Coon breed is a naturally occurring breed, meaning it isn't created from a recessive or rare genetic mutation. Certain breeds that are created using a smaller gene pool can have health issues related to inbreeding.

10-Social

Having a larger stature, these cats are very confident in themselves and are very comfortable interacting with others. [Socializing Your Maine Coon Kitten](#) will help prepare them for various environmental and household conditions that may arise over time. Having a solid foundation from kittenhood will help them be more adaptable throughout their lifetime.

As you can see, these gentle giants with their huge personalities can make a great addition to almost any household.