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Are Maine Coons Good with Children?

Known as gentle giants, Maine Coon cats are not only large in size, but tend to have hugely gentle personalities. Maine Coons can be a great addition to families with children. These cats love to be around humans and often enjoy the company of younger family members too. Having a larger stature, Maine Coon cats are not a timid breed. Being courageous and brave, they rarely bat an eye, even with the antics of toddlers.

Maine Coons love to play. Having children to play with is a great way to reduce boredom and burn off extra energy. Not only are Maine Coons playful as kittens, their playful tendencies extend into adulthood making them great companions for both younger and older family members.

[Socializing your Maine Coon kitten](#) early in life will give them a solid foundation and allow their companionship to grow with children in the family.

Having a pet has many benefits and teaches children compassion, empathy and responsibility as they grow up together. Having a pet can reduce stress, increase physical activity and reduces loneliness. Reading to a pet strengthens literacy. Be sure to supervise children carefully when they first meet your new addition. Younger children should learn to handle the kitten with care. These friendships can create strong bonds to last a lifetime.

