



TICA Serengeti Breed Introduction

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General Description: The ideal Serengeti cat is a medium-sized cat with long legs. It should be in excellent physical condition, strong and muscular. It should appear as a graceful, statuesque, squarely built cat with a very upright posture. Also noticeable is the long neck that which blends into the base of the skull without tapering. Strikingly large, round-tipped ears equal to length of the head are one of the main features of the Serengeti as are its bright, round eyes. They should have a gentle, confident, outgoing and alert temperament.

History: The Serengeti cat was created by Karen Sausman, owner of Kingsmark Cattery in California and a professional conservation biologist. She decided to create a domestic breed of cat that was partially modeled on the beautiful African serval. However, unlike the breed known as Savannah cats, the Serengeti cats have no serval blood and have been developed from crossing Bengals and oriental shorthairs. A project to create the breed started slowly in 1995 and now Serengeti's are being bred by individuals around the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and even Russia. Serengeti cats are TICA registered and can be shown as a preliminary new breed.



Personality: The ideal Serengeti cat has an open, self-assured and friendly temperament. While they might be shy for a few moments in a new location, as soon as they warm up to their new owners and home they can become like Velcro, always wanting to be with you helping with every endeavor. These are extremely agile cats and very active. They love to get on high places and enjoy running through the house at full speed. They can be vocal, which comes probably from their oriental ancestors, and gladly talk with you about almost any subject. If properly introduced, they get along well with other pets.

Traits: The Serengeti is a medium boned, long-legged domestic cat. They have a short, tight coat with a silky texture. Serengeti's come in yellow to gold with a pattern of distinctly, widely spaced black spots. They also come in solid black and they may also be a cold grey with black spots and bright, white silver with black spots. The ears of the Serengeti are very large, rounded on the end and placed directly on top of their skull. Their large round eyes are usually gold to amber. In conformation and body type, the Serengeti is more similar to the oriental short hair but with larger boned and longer legs. They are also much more upright in their posture. Male Serengeti cats can weigh between 10-15 pounds and females weigh usually between 8-12 pounds.