

## The Cat Fanciers' Association Announces Most Popular Cats!

### Persian and Exotic Rank #1 and #2 For Fifth Straight Year!

Busy cat owners who like the look of a Persian, but don't have time for daily grooming sessions, have made the Exotic second only to the Persian as the most popular cat breed according to the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) registration statistics. The Exotic is bred to meet the Persian standard in every way with one very special exception: *the coat*. The thick, plush, short coat gives the Exotic a soft, rounded, teddy bear look. However, fans of the Persian understand why the Persian has been number one for so long. Their long flowing coat coupled with a sweet, gentle, personality allows Persians to blend into most households once they are secure in their new environment.

The British Shorthair and Devon Rex have once again, broken into the list of the top ten most popular breeds, replacing the Cornish Rex and Birman each who have been in the top ten a number of times over the past ten years. The Brits are renowned for their calm demeanor, easy going nature and intelligence. The elf-like Devon Rex, with its pixie like face, big inquisitive eyes, large ears and short slightly upturned nose, makes a most likable pet.

#### **2012 Most Popular Cats**

1. Persian
2. Exotic
3. Maine Coon
4. Ragdoll
5. Abyssinian
6. Sphynx
7. American Shorthair
8. British Shorthair
9. Siamese
10. Devon Rex

#### **2011 Most Popular Cats**

1. Persian
2. Exotic
3. Maine Coon
4. Ragdoll
5. Sphynx
6. Siamese
7. Abyssinian
8. American Shorthair
9. Cornish Rex
10. Birman

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**Breeds In Order By Popularity**

**For the period January 1 –December 31, 2012**

**(Based on Registration Totals)**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>BREED</b>		<b>RANK</b>	<b>BREED</b>
1	Persian		22	Japanese Bobtail
2	Exotic		23	Selkirk Rex
3	Maine Coon Cat		24	Turkish Angora
4	Ragdoll		25	Singapura
5	Abyssinian		26	Chartreux
6	Sphynx		27	Manx
7	American Shorthair		28	Balinese
8	British Shorthair		29	Colorpoint Shorthair
9	Siamese		30	European Burmese
10	Devon Rex		31	RagaMuffin
11	Oriental		32	Somali
12	Cornish Rex		33	American Curl

13	Norwegian Forest Cat		34	Havana Brown
14	Scottish Fold		35	Bombay
15	Birman		36	Korat
16	Tonkinese		37	Burmilla
17	Burmese		38	American Bobtail
18	Siberian		39	LaPerm
19	Russian Blue		40	American Wirehair
20	Ocicat		41	Turkish Van
21	Egyptian Mau		42	Chinese Li Hua