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**The Cat Fanciers' Association Announces Most Popular Cats!
Persian and Exotic Rank #1 and #2 For Third Straight Year!
Persian holds the Top Spot For Over 30 Years!**

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 three years. 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 of whom have been in the top ten a number of times over the past ten years. This year, the British Shorthair is the top shorthair breed for the first time. 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

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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.TM (CFA) was founded in 1906 as a not-for-profit association of member clubs and is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. CFA's mission is to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats and to enhance the well being of ALL cats. CFA promotes education, responsible cat ownership and proper care to the owners of millions of cats worldwide. CFA and its affiliate clubs work nationally with local shelters to help humanely reduce homeless and feral cat populations and to encourage voluntary neuter/spay of pet cats. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers' Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit their web site at www.cfa.org