

Guide to British Shorthair Cats

Overview

The British Shorthair is a beloved breed known for its round face, dense coat, and calm demeanor. These chunky, teddy bear-like cats have been capturing hearts since Roman times when they likely arrived in Britain with Roman soldiers.

Appearance

British Shorthairs have distinctive rounded features. Their large, round eyes can be copper, gold, blue, or green depending on coat color. The “British Blue” with its gray-blue coat and copper eyes is the most iconic variety, though the breed comes in many colors and patterns.

Their dense, plush coat feels crisp to the touch, almost like velvet. It requires minimal grooming - weekly brushing is usually sufficient. These stocky cats have powerful bodies and short, strong legs.

Personality

British Shorthairs are calm, easygoing cats who enjoy a peaceful life. They’re affectionate without being demanding, often content to sit nearby rather than on your lap. They’re generally quiet cats who get along well with children and other pets.

These independent cats can entertain themselves but appreciate interactive play sessions. They’re not as active as some breeds but maintain a playful spirit well into adulthood.