

# Norwegian Forest Cat: Viking Companion

## Ancient Origins

Norwegian Forest Cats, called “Skogkatt” in Norway, are ancient cats mentioned in Norse mythology. They likely traveled with Vikings on their ships, controlling rodent populations. Their thick coats evolved to survive harsh Scandinavian winters.

## Impressive Appearance

These large cats (12-16 pounds) have semi-long, water-resistant coats with a dense undercoat. Their almond-shaped eyes, triangular heads, and tufted ears give them a wild appearance. A magnificent ruff around the neck adds to their majestic look.

## Personality Traits

Despite their wild appearance, Norwegian Forest Cats are gentle and friendly. They’re moderately active, enjoying climbing and playing but also happy to relax. They’re generally good with children and other pets, though they bond most closely with their own family.

## Grooming Needs

Their thick coats need regular grooming, especially during spring and fall shedding. Weekly brushing usually suffices, increasing to daily during heavy shedding. Their water-resistant outer coat resists matting better than many long-haired breeds.