

# **The Ragdoll Cat: A Gentle Giant**

## **Origin Story**

Ragdolls were developed in California in the 1960s from a white Persian-type cat named Josephine. The breed is named for their tendency to go limp and relaxed when picked up, like a child's ragdoll toy.

## **Striking Appearance**

These large cats (15-20 pounds for males) have semi-long, silky coats in pointed patterns: seal, blue, chocolate, lilac, red, and cream. Their striking blue eyes and sweet expression are irresistible. Despite their long fur, they lack an undercoat and mat less than many long-haired breeds.

## **Personality Plus**

Ragdolls are often called "dog-like" for their tendency to follow their owners around, greet them at the door, and play fetch. They're gentle, patient, and usually good with children and other pets. They're not typically jumpers and prefer to stay at ground level.

## **Indoor Cats**

Ragdolls' trusting nature makes them vulnerable outdoors. They lack the wariness and fighting ability of more street-smart cats. They're best kept as indoor cats with plenty of enrichment and human interaction.