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# British Invasion

THIS QUARTET OF POPULAR FELINE FRIENDS WINS FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD.



Long before the Beatles, another British Invasion took America by storm. Instead of John, Paul, George and Ringo, a band of adorable cats stole the hearts of American citizens. Led by the British Shorthair and followed in later years by the Burmilla, Cornish Rex and Devon Rex, these fabulous feline friends started a mild frenzy with their charm, playfulness and individual good looks. Which member of this “band” makes your heart skip a beat?



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The British Shorthair is friendly and affectionate.

### Smiling British Shorthair

While it enjoys a reputation as a calm, quiet breed, a British Shorthair kitten behaves like, well, a kitten. The frenetic energy the cat displays as a youngster made Lorna Kirby question what she'd heard about the cat's nature. “I wondered if I would find a Siamese or Abyssinian underneath,” says the breeder from Sacramento, Calif., who adds that the breed settles down noticeably as it ages. “When they are over 1 year old ... the BSH will turn into this incredibly cool, relaxed and mellow cat, like ‘Fonzie’ in a fur coat.”

Combined with its “teddy bear” looks, the British Shorthair's calm, collected personality wins over many cat lovers. After all, who can resist a cuddly cat with a permanent grin?

That cheerful appearance is enhanced by the breed's large round body and round eyes set in — you guessed it — a round face. “The large round eyes and the round whisker pads give the BSH an appearance of always smiling,” Kirby explains, noting that the cat's size and strength temper the cat's sweet looks. “BSH cats are elegant in appearance without looking dainty.”

A shorthaired, plush coat graces the British Shorthair's sturdy, cobby body. “The patterns and colors available are vast, from solid and bi-color to tortoiseshell and calico, as well as the shades of dilute,” says Diana Guinard, a breeder from Novato, Calif., noting that some colors immediately capture attention. “The Brit is most famous for [its] solid blue color.”

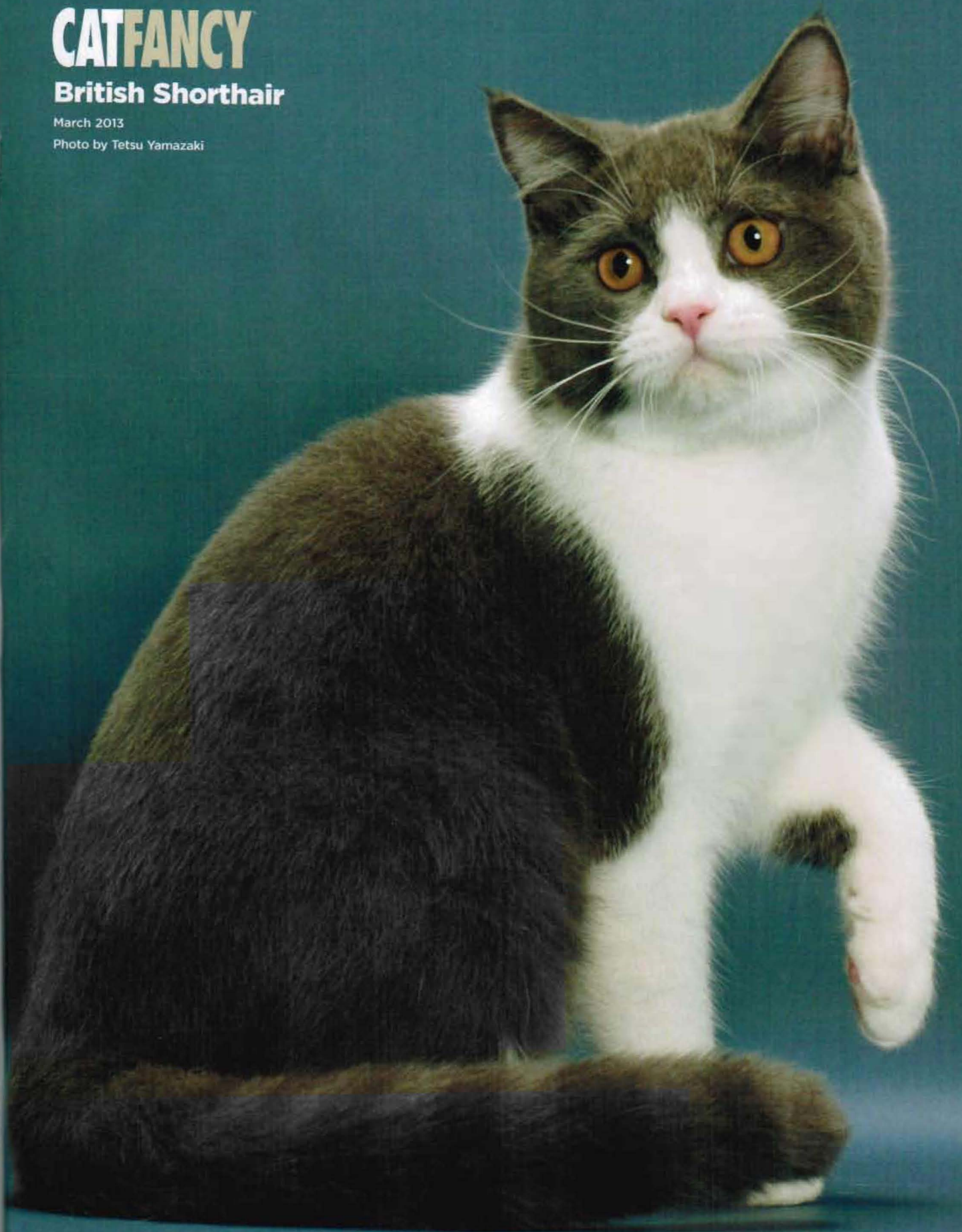
No matter its color, the British Shorthair makes an ideal pet for almost any home. “The Brit is extremely tolerant of most any lifestyle, from a single professional ... to a chaotic large home full of children and other animals,” Guinard says. “They are extremely adaptable and willing to adjust.”

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## British Shorthair

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Photo by Tetsu Yamazaki



## Burmilla

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### Captivating Burmilla

Take a sparkling silver coat and gorgeous green eyes. Mix them liberally with unique “makeup” markings around the cat’s eyes, lips and nose. Place all these traits on a medium-sized body covered with short or semi-long hair. The result? A beautiful British export, the Burmilla.

“In 1981, in the UK, an accidental breeding occurred between a male chinchilla Persian and a female lilac European Burmese,” says Stephanie Mohr, a breeder from Elk Grove, Calif. “The resulting shorthaired kittens were so spectacular, the breeder decided to start a controlled breeding program.”

The Burmilla displays the best of its parent breeds, from the vibrant green eyes to the distinctive coat. The Cat Fanciers’ Association recognizes the gorgeous coat in shaded and tipped versions; several colors can provide the shading and tipping on a pure white coat. The color of shading and tipping determines the color of the markings on the cat’s face. Combined with the cat’s elegant body and slender legs, the result is striking.

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**Burmillas enjoy the company of their people.**

While the looks of the new breed are certainly stunning, the Burmilla’s personality is equally captivating. Words used to explain the breed include “inquisitive,” “intelligent,” “affectionate” and “mischievous.”

“The Burmilla is a people-oriented cat with a sweet and calm disposition,” Mohr adds, further describing the cat as sweet and fun-loving. “They are playful, yet are content to lie on a lap and snuggle up on the couch next to ‘their people.’”

Favorite playtime endeavors, according to Mohr, include chasing wand toys and batting soft toys, such as balls. A medium-energy cat, the Burmilla appreciates play activities that allow it to spend time with its owner.

The love of play — and the desire to spend time with its people — make the Burmilla an ideal addition to al-

most any family. “Burmilla are very adaptive to homes with children, other cats and dogs,” Mohr says. “They typically get along very well with other [pets].”

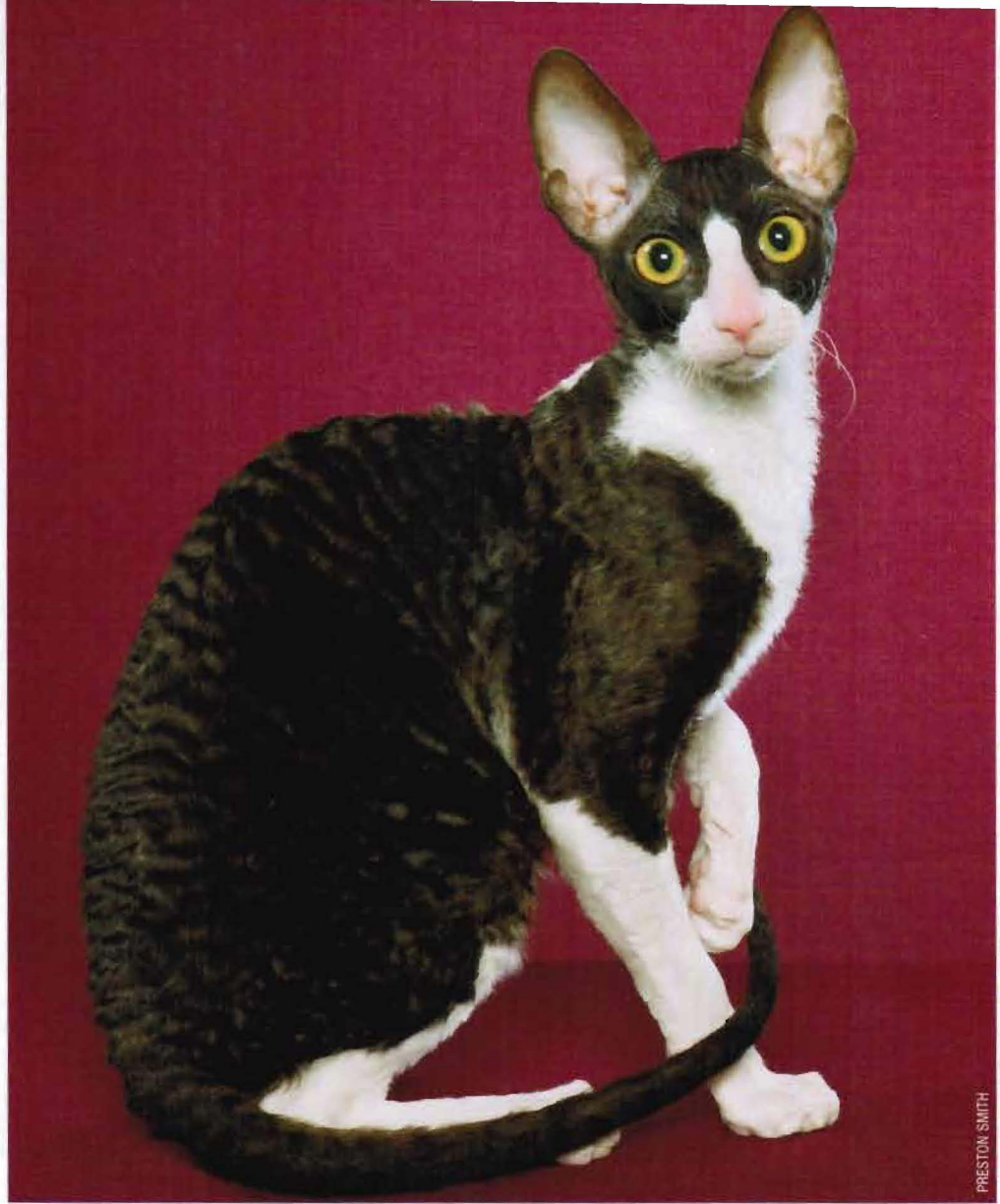
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### Curly Cornish Rex

With its slender body, long limbs and neatly arranged rows of wavy curls, the Cornish Rex presents an elegant appearance worthy of an aristocrat. Though the breed seems fragile at first glance, it is much more than just a pretty face.

But what a face it has. "High, chiseled cheek bones, high-set ears and intense oval eyes give the face an hour-glass appearance," says Teresa Thorsteinson, a breeder from Montclair, Va., also noting the cat's distinctive coat, which comes in a range of patterns and colors. "The coat feels surprisingly velvety and soft, with tight, evenly marcelled waves over the entire body."

Don't let the Cornish Rex's tidy coat and stately appearance fool you, however. This curly cutie, descended from a kitten born on a farm in Cornwall,



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**The Cornish Rex is social and loves attention.**

England, hasn't a snobby bone in its body. "Cornish Rex are very intelligent and affectionate felines that love to be part of the family," says Sharon McKenzie, a breeder from Imperial, Mo. "They even greet you at the door like a dog."

In fact, the sociable breed could even be described as "needy." "Unlike most cats, they will seek you out for the attention they crave," Thorsteinson says. "They will even stop playing to come and curl up on your lap."

The people-loving breed will also take the time to tell its owner exactly what's on its mind. "They are excellent conversationalists and will chat with you almost in words," Thorsteinson explains. "Their motto could be, 'Why say nothing when you could say something?'"

No matter what point the breed hopes to get across, one thing is clear: The cat makes an ideal addition to an active, cat-loving home. "The most unique thing about a Cornish Rex is its endearing personality," Thorsteinson says. "They are happiest right in the middle of whatever their people are doing."

## Darling Devon Rex

Take one look at the impish, clown-like expression of the Devon Rex, and you'll understand how the breed captures immediate attention. Factor in the cat's mischievous, lively personality, and you'll know why the Devon Rex remains a favorite with cat lovers around the world. "The Devon Rex is a saucy, people-oriented little rascal that loves to be where the action is," says Jennifer Slotterback, a breeder from Denver, Pa. "They are very clownish, and they adore attention."

That saucy attitude seems to match the Devon Rex's pixie-like features and unruly curly hair. The breed owes that mop of curls to a stray tom cat who sired a litter of barn kittens in Devon, England, in 1960. One of the kittens, named Kirlee, shared the same curly coat as his sire, and went on to become the foundation cat of the new breed.

Today, cat lovers admire the Devon Rex's large, low-set ears, wide open eyes and high cheekbones. The cat's coat — ranging from short, loose curls to a super-fine suede-like texture — comes in a range of colors and patterns. The short coat requires little if any grooming, but don't rule out a few swipes with a softly bristled brush. The sociable breed loves any excuse to curl up in its owner's lap. "They are very loving and enjoy being a part of the family," Slotterback says, noting that while the breed gets along well with other pets, it seems to prefer the company of humans. She also points out the cat's love of playtime. "They are very curious and highly intelligent," she explains. "Many will retrieve balls or toys without any training at all."

At the end of the day, though, the Devon Rex is ready for quality time with human companions that appreciate the cat's affection. An ideal owner, Slotterback says, is "anyone wanting to be loved and adored." 🐾

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Devon Rex are intelligent and mischievous.

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## SELKIRK REX: BRITISH IN NAME ONLY

With soft curly fur that makes it look like a teddy bear, and a persistent need to spend time with its human companions, the Selkirk Rex has earned a reputation as a lovable and loving companion. Kittl Ruttan, a breeder from Plymouth, Calif., refers to her Selkirk Rex cats as "Velcro."

"They want to be with you or on you all the time," she explains. Ruttan often finds it difficult to sit at her computer without one — or more — cats "helping" her type.

That love of companionship and desire to spend time with its family has been passed down from the very first of the Selkirk Rex breed. A cat with the distinctive curly coat was first discovered in Montana in the late 1980s. Miss DePesto, as the cat was named, came to live with Jeri Newman. Eventually Newman bred the curly cat to a Persian, and later with a British Shorthair, beginning a breeding program that led to today's Selkirk Rex.



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Newman also gave the breed its name, selecting the name "Selkirk" to honor her father's family. Interestingly enough, Selkirk is an area of Great Britain, the country from which the Cornish and Devon Rex originated and were given their names. Though the Selkirk Rex originated in America and was not consciously named for a region of Great Britain, the coincidence creates a pleasant synergy among the three distinct breeds.

Unlike the Devon Rex or the Cornish Rex, however, the Selkirk Rex features a large, heavy-boned body similar to that of the British Shorthair. The plush, loosely curled coat can come in short or long lengths, and is available in a wide variety of colors and patterns.

Combined in one lovable package, the Selkirk Rex's physical traits and endearing personality are hard to resist. Ruttan, in particular, was drawn to the breed's unique coat and British Shorthair-type head. "I waited two years for my first Selkirk," she says. As Ruttan and other fans know, the breed is worth the wait.