



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Siamese and Other Short-haired Cats

What kind of personality might a Siamese cat have? How do you groom a Siamese cat? What are some other breeds of short-haired cats? Read *Siamese and Other Short-haired Cats* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- Siamese cats were first introduced in ...
 - Singapore
 - Syria
 - Ireland
 - Thailand
- When choosing a cat, you should choose one with ...
 - Lumps or bumps on the body
 - Dirty ears
 - Bright eyes
 - Loud breathing
- The Aby cat originated in ...
 - Europe
 - Asia
 - North America
 - Africa
- A cat may spend up to ...
 - 16 hours a day sleeping
 - 18 hours a day sleeping
 - 20 hours a day sleeping
 - 24 hours a day sleeping
- What is a *purebred*?
- What is a *hairball*?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. All cats are members of the family Felidae. | _____ 4. "Points" are the name for the areas of darker color on a Siamese cat's coat. |
| _____ 2. Table food provides the cat with the same balanced, nutritious diet that packaged food does. | _____ 5. Many Manx cats do not have a tail. |
| _____ 3. It is impossible to teach your Siamese cat tricks. | _____ 6. A cat twines itself around its owners's ankles because it wants to trip them while they are walking. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Thailand.** According to section “How Did the Siamese Breed Develop?” on page 10, we know that “The Siamese breed originated in Thailand (formerly called Siam).” So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. c. Bright eyes.** According to section “What Should You Look for When Choosing a Siamese Kitten?” on page 16, we know that “The most important thing about choosing a pet kitten is that it is healthy. Some signs of good health are: alertness; normal body weight; bright, clear eyes; a clean, slightly moist nose; clean teeth and pink gums; quiet breathing (no wheezing, coughing, or sneezing); no lumps or bumps on the body; clean ears with no unpleasant smell; and a glossy coat that feels clean to the touch.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. Asia.** According to section “What Is an Aby Cat?” on page 36, we know that “People once believed the Aby cat originated in Abyssinia. Today, experts believe this cat actually originated in Asia.” So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. a. 16 hours a day sleeping.** According to section “Glossary” on page 62, we know that “A cat may spend up to 16 hours a day sleeping; older cats sleep even more.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 63, a *purebred* is an “animal whose parents are known to have both belonged to one breed.”
- 6.** According to page 63, a *hairball* is a “pellet or mass of hair accumulated in an animal’s stomach.”

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “What Is a Short-haired Cat?” on page 6, we know that “All cats are members of the family Felidae.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section “What Does a Siamese Eat?” on page 20, we know that “Table food does not provide a cat with a balanced, nutritious diet, which packaged food does.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. False.** According to section “Can You Train Your Siamese?” on page 26, we know that “Siamese cats are very smart and eager to please. Some owners enjoy teaching their cat simple tricks.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section “Does a Siamese Cat Have a Point?” on page 32, we know that “‘Points’ are the name for the areas of darker color on a Siamese cat’s coat.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to section “What Are Some Other Breeds of Short-haired Cats?” on page 42, we know that “many Manx cats have an unusual feature — they have no tail!” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section “Why Does a Cat Twine Itself Around Your Ankles?” on page 48, we know that “A cat does this to claim you as its property, or territory. Your cat is saying, ‘You belong to me.’” So, the correct answer is False.