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Background:

In 1982 the first LaPerm was born in Oregon as a spontaneous mutation. One of the six kittens in the litter was nothing like the others. She was bald and had widely spaced, large ears. Soon afterwards she grew soft, curly hair.

Cat Facts:

- The name "LaPerm" came from their soft, curly, perm-like coat.
- LaPerms weigh in around 5-10 lbs.
- Not all LaPerms will grow the curly coat, some have a straight coat.
- They're a working cat, and love being outside.

What are they like?

This breed loves heights and may think they're part bird because they enjoy riding around on your shoulders! Though LaPerms are very active cats they love curling up on your lap and being petted. If your LaPerm has been well socialized as a kitten, he should have no trouble warming up to strangers fast.

LaPerms are generally very healthy cats with no known genetic diseases.

Takeaway Points:

- Grooming is simple. Comb LaPerms over about once a week to prevent tangles in the curls and to keep your little critter content!
- Young kids tend to want to pull on Laperms curls and that can upset anyone! Older kids would be better suited for this breed.
- If you have allergies, these cats can make them worse because they produce dander.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should

always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.



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