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## **Background:**

The Manx originated in the early 19th century from the Isle of Man, which is an island between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their signature missing tail occurred as a result of natural mutation.

The Manx was one of the original show cats.

#### **Cat Facts:**

- The male Manx weighs in at 8-10 lbs. and the female is 6-8 lbs.
- The Manx is known for his roundness: round body, round head, rounded rear end, and round eyes.
- The Manx coat can come in any patterns or colors except for chocolate brown, tabby, lavender, or pointed.
- The Manx can live up to thirteen years.

## What are they like?

The Manx is a very intelligent cat who will easily figure out how to get into cabinets and open doors. They love playing, especially a good game of fetch. These cats are jumpers. You may find them on top of your refrigerator. The Manx is a great family cat, and loves children.

The Manx is a generally healthy breed but because they lack a tail some have spinal defects that can result in neurological signs including either defecating or urinating.

## **Takeaway Points:**

- The Manx is very devoted to his family and has been known to protect them from real or apparent danger.
- The Manx is a great hunter. You won't ever have to worry about rodents or vermin again with this

- cat in your home.
- Grooming is simple. just brush a comb through once or twice per week to remove dead hair.
  You'll need to brush them a little more during the spring and fall shedding seasons.

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.





