

# THE BENGAL



**Bengal Brown Spotted Tabby**

**Name:** GCH Wowbengals Brave of Bengalleopard CNW

**Breeder:** Monique Blankevoort / **Owner:** Guillaume Guy



**Bengal Brown Marbled Tabby**

**Name:** CH Bengallys Maia

**Breeder:** Alexandre Léveillé / **Owner:** Alexandre Léveillé



**Bengal Silver Spotted Tabby**

**Name:** Eestilinna's Gucci of Eleanorcats

**Breeder:** Anna Garastchenko / **Owner:** Sophie Boissonneault



**Bengal Blue Mink Spotted Tabby**

**Name:** Casper of Saphira

**Breeder:** Judy Ross / **Owner:** Annie Desmarais & Gaëtan Desmarais

## History

The Bengal's story begins in 1963, in the United States, where Jean Mills, a young geneticist with a passion for felines, bred a Asian Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) and a domestic cat; the result was a small hybrid female named KinKin. A few years later, University Davis offered Jean Mills eight females born from that same breeding. Those eight females, crossed mainly with American Shorthair, Egyptian Maus and Burmese, founded the Bengal breed. After extensive work on the exotic coats, breeders now have the goal to capture the look of the Asian Leopard Cat.

## Traits

The Bengal is a very athletic cat. The overall look of the head should be as distinct from the domestic cat as possible. The body is long with very powerful muscles and a sturdy frame. The tail, bushy at the base, tapers slightly to a rounded tip. The fur is thick, close-lying, extraordinarily shiny and soft to the touch. One of the main characteristics of Bengals is their coat. Two patterns are accepted and always in extreme contrast with the ground color. In the first pattern called "Spotted", the spots or rosettes are arranged randomly on the body. Rosettes are somewhat circular, opened or closed spots, with dark outlines, and a lighter center. In the second pattern called "Marbled", rosettes are elongated to produce patterns similar to those of the Clouded Leopard.

## Family Life

Because of the Bengal's exotic background, breeders paid special attention in selecting the sweetest and most human-friendly kittens for breeding. Today, hybridization is no longer necessary and the breed is well established. While Bengals are active, only their coat and athletic physique remain "wild".

These felines are exceptionally intelligent, curious, confident and friendly; a mixture of strength, agility, balance and grace. Their kindness and ability to live with humans are always listed in their standards, which is unique to the Bengal breed. They enjoy the company of other cats, dogs, and generally, children.

## In summary

### ORIGIN OF THE

#### BREED:

Hybrid

#### WEIGHT:

7 to 15lbs

3 to 7 Kg

#### COAT:

Shorthair

#### BREED GROUP:

Bengal

#### GROUPE DE RACE :

Bengal Canada

[www.bengalcanada.org](http://www.bengalcanada.org)

### SIZE

Small Medium Tall



### BEHAVIOUR

Very active Active Not very active



### GROOMING

Little Normal A lot

