

ADOPTING A SIAMESE

Did You Know?

The Siamese personality is different from other cats in several ways. Siamese are very attached to humans. In ways they are more like a dog or an infant, in that they need much more attention than one would expect. They really require daily individualized personal time with you. They will follow you around the house, play games with you, and demand your company and attention when they want it. Unlike dogs, however, there is often a probationary period before they give you their total trust.

Intelligent

They are also highly intelligent. Because of this trait, without the personalized attention and some training they can get themselves into all kinds of trouble. They can go where they are not supposed to, open things that they shouldn't, be in places you don't want them to be – they can constantly be on the lookout for stimulation and if it's not provided they can make their own.

Talkative

The voice itself is very different from other breeds, and can vary from a plaintive mew to a loud yowl. They are often mistaken for crying babies. The intensity of the vocalization should not be prolonged if you are smart enough to understand what they want. Most of the time they talk at conversational levels.

The sad truth is, if you are adopting a Siamese, the animal was probably abandoned, found homeless, or has some other sad story. It is very important that these adopted animals are placed in forever homes, and be given a lifetime commitment for their care. They become very attached to their owners and home environment. Good luck with your new baby(s).