



Adult Maine Coon Cat

Maine Coon cats are intelligent, gentle and loyal. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your cat.

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Description

This is a condition that involves a thickening of the muscle of the heart leading to severe compromise in heart function. There appears to be some genetic factors that may influence susceptibility to the disease. Males appear to be predisposed to the condition.

Early Detection

Recommended: Thoracic radiographs (chest X-rays and echocardiography (an ultrasound examination of the heart)). It is particularly important to run these tests prior to anesthesia.

Why Needed

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy can result in significant cardiovascular disease including heart failure and death.

Hip Dysplasia

Description

Hip dysplasia is a disease that is caused by more than one genetic factor. One study has shown that up to 51% of Maine Coon cats had radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia.

Early Detection

Recommended: Regular orthopedic (musculoskeletal) examination, possible radiographs.

Why Needed

Hip dysplasia can contribute to:

- Chronic pain
- Arthritis in the hips
- Lameness

Periodontal Disease

Description

Maine Coon cats are prone to dental disease and gingivitis (inflammation of the gums).

Early Detection

Recommended: Regular comprehensive examination including dental examination and routine dental cleaning.

Why Needed

Dental disease can cause:

- Severe pain and discomfort, often leading to anorexia and weight loss
- Loss of teeth and bone
- Spread of infection to other body areas
- Potential for heart and kidney disease

Optimum Wellness Plans® and Maine Coon Cats

Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Comprehensive physical examinations
- Ophthalmic (eye) examination (including fundic examination of the interior of the eye)
- Musculoskeletal examination
- Annual urinalysis and bloodwork to check blood glucose levels, liver and kidney function
- Annual dental cleaning

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