



# *Lightfoot Ragdolls*

## *and Cherubims*

### WATER FOUNTAINS OR NO?

If you do not have a water fountain, please use a stainless steel or ceramic bowl. This will greatly decrease the possibility of acne on your cat's chin. Your cat may experience whisker fatigue, which I just heard of a couple years ago. Cat's whiskers are very sensitive and sometimes a deep dish will irritate them as their whiskers bump into the side of the bowl. You can find dishes about 1.5-2" deep, and some fairly wide to hold more water. Also, please wash the bowl before refilling.

Benefits of using a water fountain:

- \*The water is always moving and goes through a filter, so it keeps it fresher and cleaner longer. You don't need to clean it every day.
- \*You don't need to refill as often.
- \*I use one that has an app that tells me when the water is low and reminds me to clean and change the filter when needed (mine is every 2 weeks).

What to look for in a good water fountain:

- \*Stainless Steel
- \*Wireless pump
- \*Holds at least a liter of water
- \*Has a filter
- \*Check how often the manufacturer recommends changing the filter and how expensive they are
- \*Do you want an app?

There are a lot of fountains these days that are stainless steel. Some are completely stainless steel and can be washed in your dishwasher. One that I have used for many years is Pioneer Pet. Again, stainless steel will help prevent acne.

<https://pioneerpet.com/fountains/stainless-steel/>

Wireless pumps are great! They make moving and cleaning your fountain so much easier! It's also safer because electricity won't be leaking from the pump into the water with the potential to shock your pet.

It's nice to have one that holds at least a liter of water so you don't need to refill it as often.

Filters!!! So important! And cleaning them is so important! You need to learn how to take your pump apart and clean it with a small brush at least every 2 weeks. Weekly is great. Most pumps come with a carbon type filter you can clean a few times before replacing. I spray mine with my Thieves cleaner and rub it around a bit and rinse it well. There should also be another filter, often where the water goes back into the basin, that needs to be changed every 1-2 weeks. Some fountains have expensive filters. Others are fairly inexpensive. It's worth looking at expense, as you need 2-4 filters a month for each fountain.

Wash the whole fountain every week or two, depending on how it's holding up. I have one fountain that for some reason gets slimy in about a week and I have to scrub the whole thing and change the filter. I don't know why only that fountain, as I have the same fountain in 4 locations.

Do you want an app? I'll tell you, my life has changed a bit since getting my fountains with an app. I get notified if the water is low. I get reminded it's time to clean it and change the filter. With this many cats, that's so important. I have more cats than others in different places in my house, so the water doesn't last as long in some places. I decided to try out the Petlibro Dockstream. I was pretty frustrated that the basin wasn't stainless steel, but I overlooked that for the convenience of the other features. The place they drink from is stainless steel. It has a wireless pump that is very easy to clean. Again, I use my Thieves cleaner. You can use white vinegar, as well. I do refill it between cleanings and sometimes notice that it may need to be cleaned a bit because food got in the fountain or some other reason. Often if that's the case, I need to replace the filter, too. Then I just reset that fountain on the app and the new 2 week reminder begins again. I'm waiting to see if they come up with an affiliate program that will allow me to get you a discount when ordering.

<https://petlibro.com/collections/automatic-fountain>

Petlibro has a few other fountains, as well. They have one that the water part is all stainless steel and the filter is in it's own compartment behind it. The filters are supposed to last a month or more, but are more money. I haven't tried that one yet, because I haven't been willing to give up the app.

I've used about 5 different fountains and my daughter has a different one. I have found that as far as filters on hand, it's easier to have all the same fountain, if you have more than one.

At one time, I had 3 different brands of fountains with 3 different filters. It was a bit crazy remembering to grab the right one when I was cleaning it. Petlibro also has a program where you can have filters on automatic delivery for however often you set it up for. That way you don't run out of filters.

Just a side note: They also have [automatic feeders](#) (<https://petlibro.com/collections/automatic-pet-feeder>) that I love, that also have an app. It lets me choose how often I want food to come out and how much. It lets me know when it's feeding and if the food is low. I have a single bowl one for my stud and 3 double bowl ones for the rooms my other cats and mama and babies are in.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to get cord protectors so your cats don't chew through the cords and get shocked or worse. Put it on all cords in your house. If you need to get bigger ones, they have those available, as well.



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