



# *Lightfoot Ragdolls*

## *and Cherubims*

### BENEFITS OF HAVING MORE THAN ONE CAT

#### Do I get 2 boys, 2 girls, or one of each?

What a decision! Once the decision is made to get another cat, how do you choose what to get? Just like any other biological being, cats, even ragdolls 😊 have different personalities and don't always get along with each other.

The benefit of having more than one cat is that when you are not home, your cat isn't alone. Ragdolls are generally pretty social. You will often find 2 or more of them living together are snuggled up in a chair, or anywhere, together, even when they have their humans to snuggle with. Depending on your cat's personality, it may get into less trouble with another cat to keep them from getting bored.

Then choosing boys, girls, both???? I wish I had an absolutely certain way to tell you that X always is best. There are so many factors. Most importantly is your cat's personality. If you bring in an un-neutered male into a situation, regardless of the sex of your other cat, you may have a problem. Once all the cats are spayed/neutered, that isn't as much of an issue. If you have a male that was intact for a long time, it may be harder to adjust to another male.

There's often a longer period of adjustment when bringing in an adult cat to another adult cat. Just be aware and give them more time. Make sure you introduce them slowly. You can't always predict how your sweet kitty will react to a new one. Keep them separated unless you are with them for the first week or two. Some cats will just take to the new one like a long lost friend. Most of the time there will be some hissing and growling for a little while. Occasionally, you may get a fight. Don't step in the middle of a fight!!!!!! See if you can entice one away into a separate room and close the door until they both calm down.

I hate to say it, because there will be a lot of you that say your female is super snuggly, but boys are generally more snuggly. If your cat is more aloof, it usually won't matter who you bring in, it may just ignore the new cat. Ultimately, it often doesn't matter the sex of the cats, as long as they are fixed!

And PLEASE make sure your cats are fixed! Boys generally will eventually spray if not neutered. Believe me, that's the worst part of owning a stud. It smells worse than plain old cat pee and it's so very hard to completely get rid of the smell. Males will be much calmer if they are neutered. Girls also calm down a bit more. They can also spray when they are in heat.

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