

## YESTERYEAR ACRES DEVON REX CAT CARE

Devon Rex Cats are a relatively new breed. They have a personality unlike any other cat. Some say they are 99% personality and 1% cat. They follow you around the house, jump on your lap the second you sit down and love to hang around your shoulders like a monkey. They are food hounds – will LOVE to try to eat anything you are eating and simply want to be with you 24 hours a day. They are incredibly social beings and love being with other cats, dogs, rabbits, birds – you name it. They are also very good with children.

Devons have unusual coats. They have no guard hairs. They have very short/almost non-existent whiskers. Some will lose part of their coats (molt) seasonally while others might have permanent bald areas around their ears, top of their head and bellies. Their coats have very mild shedding and many people with allergies tolerate Devons very well due to their short downy soft coats.

All purebred cats have more health issues than your domestic shorthair cat. The typical house cat or farm cat has had decades of hybrid vigor with a huge genetic pool assuring only the hardiest of cats survive and thrive. The typical domestic cat has very few genetic health illnesses and a generally long-life span. Purebred cats are far more fragile. Their gene pool is quite small and the rarer the breed, the more health care is required. Devons require more care than a domestic cat. Please do not choose a Devon Rex without accepting the responsibility of owning and caring for a purebred cat.

Devons are prone to skin issues. Some develop yeast that may require monthly baths to keep the skin healthy. Others never need bathing. Dermatitis is a common issue due to the short coat and a prescription lotion may be necessary during a flare up. Due to the special shape of Devon Rex face, they are prone to nasal discharge, runny eyes, or excessive tearing. Most Devons need their eyes cleaned daily. A good wipe with a cotton ball, Q-tip, or cosmetic pad soaked in saline solution is very effective.

Devons also produce nasal secretions and most have a good sneeze session each morning upon waking. This is quite common as they have short nasal cavities.

The large ears of the Devons need weekly cleaning. Most Devons produce wax in their ears and need wiped out with either a moist ear wipe pad or a cotton ball that has been saturated with saline solution. Keeping the ears cleaned weekly will keep your Devons feeling great.

Lastly, Devons should be fed a high-quality food. We use Dr. Gary's All Stages Best Breed Cat Food. We also do wet canned food 1-2 times per week. Wellness, Royal Canin, Tiki Cat, and Instinct are all good choices.

Having a Devon Rex Cat in your life means having a constant companion full of love and PURRfect devotion. They bring constant affection, laughter and so much happiness to each and every day, you will never want to be without one.