

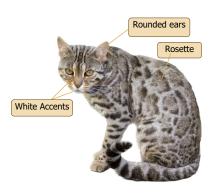
WILD CAT HYBRID IDENTIFICATION SHEET

The *Small Cat Crisis* defines the influx of small wild and hybrid cats in the hands of the general public. Hybrid cats specifically are mixes of domestic cats and wild cat species– something that does not occur naturally in the wild. They're purchased for thousands of dollars despite being unfit pets.

Owners encounter behavioral problems such as **urination**, **aggression**, **destruction**, **and avoidance of people**. All of this is due to their hybridization and wild genetics. Cats may end up dumped and abandoned– wandering neighborhoods, putting local wildlife at risk, and can intermingle with feral cat colonies. Early generations of hybrids are also **illegal** in many municipalities.

Early Generation Bengal

Identifying Features:



- Small frame
- Small, rounded head
- Small ears with rounded tips
- Large eyes
- Short, dense coat
- White accents often framing eyes and tip of muzzle
- Rosettes and blotchy spots
- Colors can be brown, silver, golden, or even charcoal



Early Generation Savannah

Identifying Features:

- Large frame
- Long, tall legs
- Large, broad ears
- Large, slightly hooded eyes
- Short, dense coat
- Round to oval black or brown spots
- Striped tail
- Colors can be brown, gray, tan, or golden

Bengals are a mix between an **Asian Leopard Cat** (right) and domestic cat



Generation Breakdown

F1: 50% Wild, 50% Domestic F2: 25% Wild, 75% Domestic F3: 12.5 % Wild, 87.5% Domestic

F1-F3 are considered early generations and "high content".



Savannahs are a mix between an *African Serval* (left) and domestic cat