

# Understanding the cost of purebreds

Firstly- potential adopters are attracted by the look of the ragdoll – followed by research into the breed, finding out their most known for attributes sound like a perfect fit. The next step is to start looking for Breeders – they find prices are all over the map – from extremely high to considerably cheap – this has become far worse since the strike of Covid 19.

The higher price point is often regarded as ridiculous, out of line purely driven by greed....etc. Meanwhile quality is not often noticed or regarded.

However- Here are a few things that might help to understand why

- Does the Breeder have a website or Facebook page? – yes – lots of scammers do too. Can the breeder provide you with pictures and pedigrees of the parents? It is irrelevant if you are inquiring for a pet – but it IS your right to ask
- A **Registration Certificate means ABSOLUTELY NOTHING if the Foundations of the breed are not understood- A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION does not mean the kitten or cat is a purebred- what does this mean?**
- Every breed comes from origin sources - our Ragdolls go back to 3 - these are the cats that Ann Baker founded the breed with:
  - **Josephine**
  - **Beauty**
  - **Blackie**
- As breeders, we are able to determine the percentage of traceability back to these 3 cats over **10 GENERATIONS**

## How do our registry associations work

- They only care/look at Generations 1-3
- Generation 4 can be a
  - Stray street cat
  - Non registered & of unknown origin
  - A completely different breed and the offspring is still registered as a pedigreed ragdoll cat

Pretty hard to preserve a breed this way, however I refuse to lower my standards- nor do I agree with the association standards

I myself have seen cats as low as 11% traceable to foundation- What does this mean? Simply that mom & dad- grampa & gramma were registered cats (likely not pure either) Great grandparents and so on- is anyone's guess- basically a mixed breed

I have been breeding for almost 18 years- I've always been very pedigree driven  
In my program- I have no cats under 91% - some as high as 98% traceable- this is where the price difference comes in, each of my cats is an investment - Pedigreed SBT RAG for 10 generations on both sides

I am contacted regularly by new- or newer breeders that have zero clue about foundations or how to read a pedigree - why- because long time breeders aren't willing to help anyone new learn- hence new breeders buy at their own discretion often from breeders who are equally unaware

### The Bottom Line IS

- You get what you pay for
- Not all Ragdolls are the same, Not all are equal
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY – NOT ALL ARE PUREBRED RAGDOLLS** even if they have a Certificate of Registration

I am always happy to give more explanation- this is simply the short version of why “purebreds” vary so much in price



Thank you for inquiring



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Foundation Analysis for Test Mating

Analysis Info

WARNING! Reliability of analysis is only 98.0% (2.05% not traced back to foundation). Real result may be up to 2.05% higher.

Cats traced to foundation		
Josephine	w	54.4%
Beauty		25.7%
Blackie		17.9%