

Turkish Van

Quick Guide from [PoC](#)

- **Popularity:** Aug. 2010: Ranked 17th in PoC popularity poll of 66 breeds.
- **Place of origin:** Turkey, Lake Van region.
- **Date of origin:** Pre 18th century possibly 1600 BC.
- **Ancestry:** Random bred, moggie cats that were a defacto breed.
- **Weight:** 3.5 - 7.5 kg (6.6 - 16.5 lb) - larger than average.
- **Temperament:** Assertive, independent, active, strong.
- **Body type:** Substantial
- **Registration:** All major cat associations
- **Colours & Types:** Red, cream, blue, brown (solids); tortoiseshell, dilute tortoiseshell, brown patched tabby, blue patched tabby (parti-color and white color); Other Turkish Van Colors.
- **Other names:** Van, Turkish Swimming Cat.
- **Outcross breeds:** None.
- **Full details:** <http://www.pictures-of-cats.org/turkish-van-cat.html>



- **Note:** At the beginning, in Turkey, was the Turkish Van and the Turkish Angora one and the same cat? Has selective breeding and the cat fancy separated them?