

rate in any kind of tests that are done, the rate of error in instances such as this can be much higher than the normal error rate of veterinary laboratories.

In addition to the practical aspects of home-typing kittens, you are missing the opportunity to be of help to other breeders of pedigreed cats. The value of a central data bank containing blood types by breed is critical to many aspects of research on the health and welfare of pedigreed cats.

#### Percentages of Blood Types in Selected Breeds

Blood Type A only: Siamese, Burmese, Tonkinese, American Shorthair, Oriental Shorthair

1% to 10% Type B: Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat

10% to 25% Type B: Abyssinian, Birman, Himalayan, Japanese Bobtail, Persian, Scottish Fold, Somali, Sphynx

25% and higher Type B: British Shorthair, Devon Rex, Cornish Rex

Source: [http://www.pandecats.com/x/blood\\_type\\_incompatability.htm](http://www.pandecats.com/x/blood_type_incompatability.htm)

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## Acquiring Your Foundation Sires

Since your foundation sire will be able to continue breeding for longer than your Queens, you will want him to have the very best characteristics of the breed. While your Queens may vary slightly from the standard of perfection for the breed, your male should be the very best quality you can afford.

Since it is not always easy to acquire a show quality stud male, and since you are starting with several Queens, you will have the time to acquire your second male once your Foundation Queens are breeding. Your second male is for the kittens that will be produced by the matings between your original Foundation Queens and your first stud male. Your second stud male should also be able to mate with your original Foundation Queens producing kittens who are then able to go to your second stud male.