

## Are Some Pedigreed Cats Already Endangered Species?

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We all know, or think we know about endangered species. For example, tigers are classified as endangered, on a worldwide basis. According to [www.wildaid.org](http://www.wildaid.org), the total world population of wild tigers of all sorts declined from 100,000 in 1900 to 5,000-7,000 today. And the largest group of those tigers, the Royal Bengal Tigers, have only 3,500 or so living specimens.

Did you ever think that pedigreed cats could become extinct? Well, it is not just that they could be – some breeds already are.

Using the methodology I have posted elsewhere ([www.breedingpedigreedcats.com](http://www.breedingpedigreedcats.com)), I have calculated, and most likely on the high side, that we probably have no more than the following total number of cats of three specific, well-known breeds alive in the US. Now, by alive, I am including all of the cats in working catteries, the retired working cats, and all of the pedigreed cats of these breeds that have been sold as household pets – and including all spayed or neutered cats.

Havana Brown – 1,680

Sable Burmese – 2,400

Javanese – 4,100

If they were tigers, they would be classified as endangered. But since they are pedigreed, their breeders are blamed for contributing to shelter overpopulation.

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Note the calculations and underlying data are also posted at [www.breedingpedigreedcats.com](http://www.breedingpedigreedcats.com).

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18.00	88	27,113	27.11%	25.01%	adjust to allow for non-CFA registered cats	1680	2389
19.00	92	15,289	15.29%	13.19%	adjustments were 90%, 80% and 100% respectively		
20.00	96	6,734	6.73%	4.63%			
21.00	100	2,118	2.12%	0.02%			

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Number  
alive in  
2006

157  
208  
227  
236  
244  
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260  
267  
273  
277  
280

2683

1417

4100

4100