

Mink Ragdoll kittens

This is a great explanation, by a breeder, of where mink, solid and sepia Ragdolls come from and why these are unaccepted variants of the breed:

"Minks, Sepias and Solid Ragdolls are not bred to the Ragdoll standard which calls for them to be "a pointed, blue eyed cat".

Mink and Solid cats are not pointed. Mink and Solid are not blue-eyed.

****They are not rare or long lost bloodlines****. Minks have been developed by breeding Ragdolls to other breeds such as Tonkinese to get their soft coat.
End of story.

This is proven by tracing their pedigrees. I have personally traced the pedigree of mink cats that have been touted as being fully SBT right back to the foundation cats. My research found that not only had one outside breed been introduced to get this mink line but THREE different breeds had been introduced. Persian, Tonkinese and Birman.

If you aren't a breeder of cats, you wouldn't have any reason to educate yourself about pedigrees and such things. Here is a quick education on how a kitty mixed with another breed can get to be called a Purebred SBT Ragdoll.

The way the cat registries such as TICA (The International Cat Association) work is that a Ragdoll could be bred to a Tonkinese. Resulting babies are registered as 1st generation ragdolls and usually given letters in front of their registration number such as "AON" or "AOT".

If the offspring of the 1st generation ragdolls are bred back to another pure Ragdoll, the resulting offspring are called 2nd generation or "BON" or "BOT".

The offspring of the 2nd generation bred to a pure Ragdoll are called 3rd generation Ragdolls and registered as "CON" or "COT".

Finally, if a 3rd generation Ragdoll is bred to a pure Ragdoll the offspring is registered as a purebred Ragdoll cat with the letters SBT meaning "Stud Book Traditional"

Many breeders of Minks, Sepias and Solids point to their pedigree to show that they have no outcrosses. However, generally their pedigree shows only the last three generations. That's a pretty short pedigree. I can guarantee that the only line on a Mink cats pedigree that traces back to the original cat (if any) are those lines that bred into the traditional blue eyed pointed Ragdolls. All others end at another breed being introduced.

I have nothing against the Mink, Sepias or Solid cats. They can be wonderful kitties. What I do dislike, very much, is the misinformation presented to buyers who don't have any knowledge of how to verify the information presented by the breeder.

Many breeders of these types of cats are honest and don't claim that their cats are rare, without any outcrosses, from old lines etc.

However, some breeders are intentionally misinforming the public.

That is just unethical. It's our responsibility as breeders to educate the public about our breed and to present the facts.

Mink, Sepia and Solid cats are NOT accepted

for registration in the strictest of cat associations such as the

[Cat Fanciers Association (CFA)](<http://www.cfa.org/>)

To get an accurate history of the Ragdoll Breed you simply

need to visit the[Ragdoll Historical Society](<http://www.ragdollhistoricalsociety.com/>). The advancement

of the breed is well documented.

The foundation cats and how the breed was brought to recognition and finally acceptance leaves no doubt that Ragdolls have always been BLUE EYED POINTED CATS.

Any mink, sepia or solid cats called or registered as Ragdolls have had another breed introduced in the lineage.

This is proven by a look back on the pedigrees. Not one of the mink, sepias or solid 'Ragdolls' has been

able to trace it's foundation back to the original Ragdoll cats 100%.

Is it just the minks, sepias and solids that have been 'outcrossed' to get their color? NO

****Any blue eyed, pointed Ragdoll that is not BLUE or SEAL has been crossed with another breed in order to get their color.** Any Ragdoll that has LYNX (TABBY) pattern, has been outcrossed to get the lynx pattern.**

HOWEVER, they are still blue eyed and they are still pointed and most are still registerable in ALL cat associations and allowed for exhibition in all associations.

WHY? Because they fit what the BREED STANDARD calls for. There aren't any changes or alterations needed in order to fit these cats in.

Minks and Sepias and Solids would require changing the breed standard to allow Ragdolls with any eye color and without points. How sad.

What makes our Ragdolls so special, those stunning blue eyes and the contrast between point and body color, would be lost

and we'd have a breed that simply looks like a regular barn kitty. I hope it never comes to that."