

Breed: British Shorthair Birth date: 2024-04

Test date: 2026-05-09 ID kit: FTPXWMYFXW

Chester's Profile

Pet information

Registered name Chester	Sex M
Owner reported breed British Shorthair	Date of birth 2024-04

Genetic Diversity

Chester's Percentage of Heterozygosity
37%

Health summary

- At Risk 0 conditions
- Carrier 0 conditions
- Clear 49 conditions

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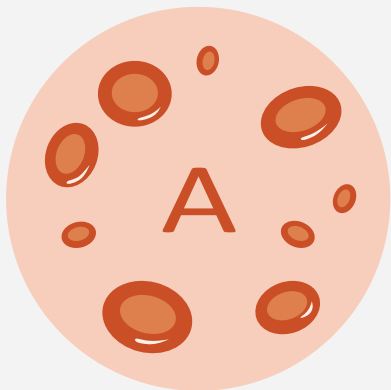
Heterozygosity

Chester's Percentage of Heterozygosity
37%

Typical Range for British Shorthairs
32% - 38%

Chester's genome analysis shows an average level of genetic heterozygosity when compared with other British Shorthairs.

Blood Type



Blood type
Type A (Most common)

Genotype*
A/A

Transfusion risk
⚠ Moderate

Chester has the most common blood type. He can be transfused with Type A blood.

Blood variants tested*

Variant Tested	Description	Copies
b variant 1	(Common b variant)	0
b variant 2	(Discovered in Turkish breeds)	0
b variant 3	(Discovered in Ragdolls)	0
c variant - Causes AB Blood Type	(Discovered in Ragdolls)	0

*This test identifies three known 'b' variants and one known 'c' variant in the CMAH gene when determining a cat's genetic blood type. Blood Type A is inferred in reporting when less than two genetic blood variants are detected.

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Interpreting feline blood types

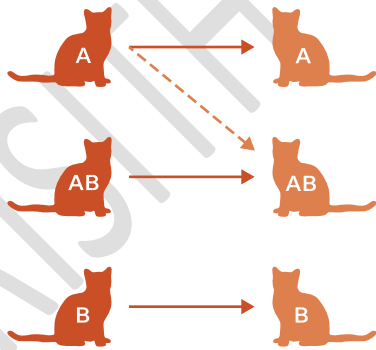
About blood type determination

The three important feline blood types of A, B, and AB are governed primarily by variants in the CMAH gene. A cat's blood type can be determined by its genotype, which consists of two gene variants – one inherited from each parent – that should be interpreted together. When determining blood type based on genotype, the A variant associated with blood type A is most dominant while the b variants associated with blood type B are most recessive. The c variant associated with blood type AB is intermediate between the A and b variants, meaning it is recessive to the A variant but dominant to b variants. Therefore, a genotype with at least one A variant will result in blood type A. For a cat to have blood type B, the genotype must consist of two b variants. Because the c variant is intermediate, a cat with blood type AB can either have a genotype consisting of two c variants or one c variant and one b variant.

About transfusion risk

Similar to humans, the different cat blood types will express different antigens on the surface of their red blood cells. This is significant because both type A and B cats are born with antibodies against other blood cell antigens. Notably, type B cats have high levels of antibodies against type A antigens. Cats with the rare blood type AB are most versatile as they express both red cell antigen types and, thus, can receive both type A and type AB blood transfusions.

Unlike humans, there is no cat blood type that can act as a universal blood donor. If a cat receives a noncompatible blood type during a transfusion, it may cause a severe, life-threatening reaction including fever, kidney failure, and widespread destruction of red blood cells. Prior to all transfusions, cats should be serologically typed and crossmatched to ensure compatibility.



→ Whole blood compatible
- - - - -> Packed red blood cells recommended

About breeding risk

During pregnancy, kittens are shielded from their mother's immune system. However, when kittens begin nursing, they receive some of their mother's antibodies in colostrum. Type B cats have high levels of antibodies against type A blood, so when blood type A or AB kittens are born to a blood type B mother, these antibodies, when absorbed by the newborn kitten, cause neonatal isohemolysis, a potentially fatal destruction of the kitten's red blood cells. Kittens of type B mothers with fathers of unknown or type A blood should be bottle fed or foster-nursed, and separated from their mother for the first 24 hours to avoid this reaction, unless blood typing performed immediately following birth shows the kitten to have a compatible blood type to the mother.

Although some blood types are less common and require additional planning when breeding, they represent normal genetic variation and should not be selected against when choosing breeding pairs.

Current limits of this test

This test identifies 4 variants (b variants c.269T>A, c.179G>T, c.1233delT and c variant c.346C>T) in the CMAH gene discovered in the domestic cat population and has been confirmed 99% concordant with serologic blood typing¹. Mik antigens also play a role in blood type compatibility, and are not included in this test. Cats carrying undetermined, new, or undiscovered variants in CMAH or other genes may have a different blood type compatibility than that reported by this test. Accuracy of this test at predicting blood type in wildcats or wildcat hybrid breeds has not been determined.

1. Anderson H, Davison S, Lytle KM, Honkanen L, et al. Genetic epidemiology of blood type, disease and trait variants, and genome-wide genetic diversity in over 11,000 domestic cats (2022) PLOS Genetics.

Health conditions known in the breed

Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (Discovered in British Shorthair)	Gene	Risk Variant	Copies	Inheritance	Result
	FASL	Insertion	0	AR	Clear

Information about the genetic condition

Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (ALPS) is a rare, severe disorder that has been described in British Shorthair cats. The disorder is caused by the inability of the body to destroy unneeded T-lymphocytes, which leads to massive accumulation of T-lymphocytes within lymph nodes. Diffuse enlargement of lymph nodes is typically noticed in kittens around six weeks of age. The progression of clinical signs is rapid and affected kittens develop severe abdominal distension, lethargy, and weight loss. Regenerative anemia is also typically present. No effective treatment has been described and affected kittens are typically euthanized for humane reasons before four months of age.

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 Breeder recommendation

This disease is autosomal recessive meaning that two copies of the mutation are needed for disease signs to be shown. A carrier cat with one copy of the Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome mutation can be safely bred with a clear cat with no copies of the Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome mutation. About half of the kittens will have one copy (carriers) and half will have no copies of the Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome mutation. Kittens in a litter which is expected to contain carriers should be tested prior to breeding. Carrier to carrier matings are not advised as the resulting litter may contain affected kittens. Please note: It is possible that disease signs similar to the ones caused by the Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome mutation could develop due to a different genetic or clinical cause.

Familial Episodic Hypokalemic Polymyopathy (Discovered in the Burmese)	Gene	Risk Variant	Copies	Inheritance	Result
	WNK4	C>T	0	AR	Clear

 Information about the genetic condition

Familial Episodic Hypokalemic Polymyopathy is caused by excessive potassium loss into the urine which results in symptomatic hypokalemia. Clinical signs usually develop by 2 to 10 months of age. The most characteristic sign of the disease is passive ventroflexion of the head and neck, which is almost pathognomonic but not every cat has this distinct presentation and, thus, diagnosis can be difficult. Further signs include skeletal muscle weakness occurring only in the forelimbs while in others the weakness affects mainly the hindlimbs; and, in others still, appendicular weakness may affect all four limbs. Affected cats may also have muscle tremors, head bobbing, lameness, and alterations in gait. Hypokalemia is linked to muscle pain (myalgia) which can have further variable clinical presentations. If the disease is not diagnosed early enough, the cat may develop incapacitating weakness with an inability to walk, seizures, or cardiopulmonary arrest. The disease has a variable, episodic nature and worsens with stress.

 Breeder recommendation

This disease is autosomal recessive meaning that two copies of the mutation are needed for disease signs to be shown. A carrier cat with one copy of the FEHP mutation can be safely bred with a clear cat with no copies of the FEHP mutation. About half of the kittens will have one copy (carriers) and half will have no copies of the FEHP mutation. Kittens in a litter which is expected to contain carriers should be tested prior to breeding. Carrier to carrier matings are not advised as the resulting litter may contain affected kittens. Please note: It is possible that disease signs similar to the ones caused by the FEHP mutation could develop due to a different genetic or clinical cause.

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Traits Coat
Color

	Gene	Variant	Copies	Result
Charcoal (Discovered in the Bengal)	ASIP	A _{Pb}	0	No effect
Solid Color	ASIP	a	0	Banded hairs, tabby patterns likely
Gloving (Discovered in the Birman)	KIT	w _g	0	No effect
Partial and Full White	KIT	W or w _s	0	No effect

Amber (Discovered in the Norwegian Forest Cat)	MC1R	e	0	No effect
Russet (Discovered in the Burmese)	MC1R	e _r	0	No effect
Dilution	MLPH	d	2	Lightened coat color likely
Two copies of the Dilution variant are required to have a lightening effect on the coat.				
Albinism (Discovered in Oriental breeds)	TYR	C _a	0	No effect
Colorpoint (Discovered in the Burmese)	TYR	C _b	0	No effect
Colorpoint (Discovered in the Siamese)	TYR	C _s	0	No effect
Mocha (Discovered in the Burmese)	TYR	C _m	0	No effect
Chocolate	TYRP	b	0	No effect
Cinnamon	TYRP	b _i	2	Cinnamon coat color likely
Two copies of the Cinnamon variant result in cinnamon coat color.				

Coat Type

	Gene	Variant	Copies	Result
Long Hair (Discovered in many breeds)	FGF5	M4	0	No effect
Long Hair (Discovered in the Norwegian Forest Cat)	FGF5	M2	0	No effect
Long Hair (Discovered in the Ragdoll and Maine Coon)	FGF5	M3	0	No effect

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Coat Type

	Gene	Variant	Copies	Result
Long Hair (Discovered in the Ragdoll)	FGF5	M1	0	No effect
Lykoi Coat (Variant 1)	HR	hr _{Ca}	0	No effect
Lykoi Coat (Variant 2)	HR	hr _{VA}	0	No effect
Hairlessness (Discovered in the Sphynx)	KRT71	re _{hr}	0	No effect
Rexing (Discovered in the Devon Rex)	KRT71	re _{dr}	0	No effect
Rexing (Discovered in the Cornish Rex and German Rex)	LPAR6	r	0	No effect
Glitter	Pending	gl	0	No effect

Tail Length

	Gene	Variant	Copies	Result
Short Tail (Variant 3)	HES7	jb	0	No effect
Short Tail (Variant 1)	T	C1199del	0	No effect
Short Tail (Variant 2)	T	T988del	0	No effect

Extra Toes

	Gene	Variant	Copies	Result
Polydactyly (Variant 1)	LIMBR1	HW	0	No effect

Polydactyly (Variant 2)	LIMBR1	UK1	0	No effect
Polydactyly (Variant 3)	LIMBR1	UK2	0	No effect

Other health conditions tested

Genetic Condition	Gene	Risk Variant	Copies	Inheritance	Result
Acute Intermittent Porphyrria (Variant 1)	HMBS	Deletion	0	AD	Clear
Acute Intermittent Porphyrria (Variant 2)	HMBS	G>A	0	AD	Clear
Acute Intermittent Porphyrria (Variant 3)	HMBS	Insertion	0	AD	Clear
Acute Intermittent Porphyrria (Variant 4)	HMBS	Deletion	0	AD	Clear
Acute Intermittent Porphyrria (Variant 5)	HMBS	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Burmese Head Defect (Discovered in the Burmese)	ALX1	Deletion	0	AD	Clear
Chediak-Higashi Syndrome (Discovered in the Persian)	LYST	Insertion	0	AR	Clear
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia	CYP11B1	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Congenital Erythropoietic Porphyrria	UROS	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (Discovered in the Devon Rex and Sphynx)	COLQ	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Cystinuria Type 1A	SCL3A1	C>T	0	AR	Clear
Cystinuria Type B (Variant 1)	SCL7A9	C>T	0	AR	Clear
Cystinuria Type B (Variant 2)	SCL7A9	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Cystinuria Type B (Variant 3)	SCL7A9	T>A	0	AR	Clear
Dihydropyrimidinase Deficiency	DPYS	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Earfold and Osteochondrodysplasia (Discovered in the Scottish Fold)	TRPV4	G>T	0	AD	Clear
Factor XII Deficiency (Variant 1)	F12	Deletion	0	ARa	Clear
Factor XII Deficiency (Variant 2)	F12	Deletion	0	ARa	Clear

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Glutaric Aciduria Type II	ETFDH	T>G	0	AR	Clear
Glycogen Storage Disease (Discovered in the Norwegian Forest Cat)	GBE1	Insertion	0	AR	Clear
GM1 Gangliosidosis	GLB1	G>C	0	AR	Clear

Other health conditions tested

Genetic Condition	Gene	Risk Variant	Copies	Inheritance	Result
GM2 Gangliosidosis	GM2A	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
GM2 Gangliosidosis Type II (Discovered in Domestic Shorthair cats)	HEXB	Insertion	0	AR	Clear
GM2 Gangliosidosis Type II (Discovered in Japanese domestic cats)	HEXB	C>T	0	AR	Clear
GM2 Gangliosidosis Type II (Discovered in the Burmese)	HEXB	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
Hemophilia B (Variant 1)	F9	C>T	0	XR	Clear
Hemophilia B (Variant 2)	F9	G>A	0	XR	Clear
Hyperoxaluria Type II	GRHPR	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (Discovered in the Maine Coon)	MYBPC	G>C	0	AR	Clear
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (Discovered in the Ragdoll)	MYBPC	C>T	0	AD	Clear
Hypotrichosis (Discovered in the Birman)	FOXN1	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
Lipoprotein Lipase Deficiency	LPL	G>A	0	AR	Clear
MDR1 Medication Sensitivity	ABCB1	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I	IDUA	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI	ARSB	T>C	0	AR	Clear
Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI Modifier	ARSB	G>A	0	MO	Clear
Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VII (Variant 1)	GUSB	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VII (Variant 2)	USB	C>T	0	AR	Clear

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Myotonia Congenita	CLCN1	G>T	0	AR	Clear
Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)	PKD1	C>A	0	AD	Clear
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (Discovered in the Abyssinian)	CEP290	T>G	0	AR	Clear
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (Discovered in the Bengal)	KIF3B	G>A	0	AR	Clear

Other health conditions tested

Genetic Condition	Gene	Risk Variant	Copies	Inheritance	Result
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency	PKLR	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Sphingomyelinosis (Variant 1)	NPC1	G>C	0	AR	Clear
Sphingomyelinosis (Variant 2)	NPC2	G>A	0	AR	Clear
Spinal Muscular Atrophy (Discovered in the Maine Coon)	LIX1	Deletion	0	AR	Clear
Vitamin D-Dependent Rickets	CYP27B1	G>T	0	AR	Clear

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Glossary of genetic terms

Test result definitions

- At Risk:** Based on the disorder’s mode of inheritance, the cat inherited a number of genetic variant(s) which increases the cat’s risk of being diagnosed with the associated disorder.
- Carrier:** The cat inherited one copy of a genetic variant when two copies are usually necessary to increase the cat’s risk of being diagnosed with the associated disorder. While carriers are usually not at risk of clinical expression of the disorder, carriers of some complex variants may be associated with a low risk of developing the disorder.
- Notable:** Inheriting two copies of the genetic variant is noteworthy for specific aspects of health and breeding of the cat, but the cat should otherwise not suffer disease due to this genetic cause when in absence of other genetic variants.
- Clear:** The cat did not inherit the genetic variant(s) associated with the disorder and will not be at elevated risk of being diagnosed with the disorder due to this genotype. However, similar clinical signs could develop from different genetic or clinical causes.
- Inconclusive:** An inconclusive result indicates a confident call could not be made based on the data for that genetic variant. Health testing is performed in replicates, and on occasion the outcomes do not agree. This may occur due to an unusual sequence of DNA in the region tested, multiple cell genotypes present due to chimerism or acquired mutations, or due to quality of the DNA sample.

Inheritance mode definitions

- Autosomal Recessive (AR):** For autosomal recessive disorders, cats with two copies of the genetic variant are at risk of developing the associated disorder. Cats with one copy of the variant are considered carriers and are usually not at risk of developing the disorder. However, carriers of some complex variants grouped in this category may be associated with a low risk of developing the disorder. Cats with one or two copies may pass the disorder-associated variant to their kittens if bred.
- Autosomal Recessive, asymptomatic (ARa):** For autosomal recessive, asymptomatic disorders, cats with two copies of the variant can exhibit certain aspects of the variant-associated disorder but otherwise, they should not suffer clinical disease as typically expected with autosomal recessive disorders. Cats with one

copy of the variant are called carriers and should not exhibit any aspect of the disorder. However, cats with one or two copies may pass the disorder-associated variant to their kittens if bred.

Autosomal Dominant (AD): For autosomal dominant disorders, cats with one or two copies of the genetic variant are at risk of developing the associated disorder. Inheriting two copies of the variant may increase the risk of development of the disorder or cause the condition to be more severe. These cats may pass the disorder-associated variant to their kittens if bred.

X-linked Recessive (XR): For X-linked recessive disorders, the genetic variant is found on the X chromosome. Female cats must inherit two copies of the variant to be at risk of developing the condition, whereas male cats only need one copy to be at risk. Males and females with any copies of the variant may pass the disorder-associated variant to their kittens if bred.

Modifier (MO): Genetic modifiers do not cause disease on their own but can cause disease or change the onset or severity of a disorder when combined with another disorder-associated variant. For some modifier variants only one copy is required to cause an effect, for others two copies are required. Please refer to the associated variant's breeder recommendations regarding safe breeding practices for each modifier variant.

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