

CARING FOR YOUR

KITTEN

**PET CARE
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We care about pet care

Kittens make lovely pets, but they do need to be cared for. They are curious, faithful and intelligent. Remember that cats are a long-term commitment.

AGE

Your new kitten should be at least six weeks old, fully weaned and eating from its own dish. By this age your kitten will have a full set of milk teeth.

SETTLING IN

When you take your kitten home spend as much time with him as you can. Remember to keep all doors and windows closed. Give lots of reassurance as he adjusts to his new surroundings. Introduce him to other pets and children gradually. Kittens appreciate toys to play with.

HOLDING

Always pick your kitten up by holding the rear legs with one hand and the other hand behind the front legs.

REST

Your kitten will need lots of undisturbed rest.

NAMING YOUR KITTEN

Give your kitten a short name and call him by name often, particularly at feeding time.

FEEDING

Your kitten will need separate bowls for food and water. These should be washed thoroughly every day. Your pet shop sells a wide range of canned, dry and moist foods. These prepared diets will meet your kitten's nutritional needs. Fresh water must be available at all times.

INOCULATIONS

Your kitten should be inoculated regularly against feline enteritis and cat 'flu.

HOUSE TRAINING

Kittens are naturally clean and will normally use a litter tray. The litter must be changed regularly and the tray washed and disinfected.

HOUSING

You should provide a sleeping bed or basket and blanket. There are many to choose from. Your kitten should be given freedom to explore indoors, but should not be allowed to go outside until he is fully settled in.

GROOMING

It is important that you groom your kitten regularly, particularly if he is long-haired. Your pet shop will recommend a suitable brush and comb.

WORMING

Your kitten should be wormed regularly with a proprietary preparation, following the instructions carefully.

FLEA CONTROL

It is important to prevent flea infestation. Your pet shop stocks a range of suitable products.

NEUTERING/SPAYING

Unless you particularly wish to breed from your cat it is advisable to seek advice from your vet on neutering or spaying.

SCRATCHING POSTS

Cats have a natural instinct to sharpen their claws regularly. To prevent damage to woodwork and furniture it is recommended that you buy a suitable scratching post.

SHOPPING LIST

Food, Vitamins, Basket/Bed, Litter Tray & Scoop, Blanket, Food Dish, Water Dish, Toys, Brush, Comb, Carry Cage, Wormers, Collar and Tag and Flea Preparations.

This leaflet gives basic guidelines only. It is not intended to be a substitute for a good book on Kittens. Your pet shop will be pleased to show you their range.

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