



Our Guide to Kittens

FEEDING YOUR KITTEN

Dry complete kitten food with a high level of fresh meat or fish content is highly digestible, high in nutrients and designed to meet a growing kittens needs.

Clean fresh drinking water should always be available to your kitten.

Occasionally milk can be given as a treat which is specially formulated for cats & kittens should be given as cows milk can lead to stomach upsets due to the high lactose content.

WORMS AND FLEAS

Kittens should be treated for roundworm at 2 weeks of age they should be retreated at 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12 weeks and thereafter at 2 to 3 monthly intervals.

Kittens under 12 weeks of age should be treated for fleas with a Citronella treatment or collar. From 12 weeks of age they can be treated with any cat insecticide spray, powder, drops or collar

SCRATCHING POSTS

Scratching is natural and necessary to help keep their claws in good condition.

Ensure cat posts are tall enough for your kitten - so that when your kitten stretches its front feet upwards from a standing position, it does not reach over the top of the post.

Cats are highly motivated by smell so to attract your cat to the post spray it with cat-nip. It is natural for kittens to scratch and bite during play to avoid this do not use your hands and toes as prey, distance yourself by using specially designed toys such as a play wand or glove. It is normal for kittens to have a 'mad half hour' - it releases all the energy stored for hunting.

This behaviour should be ignored to avoid the kitten discovering that they can manipulate your attention, leading to behavioural problems later in life.

VACINATIONS, NEUTERING & IDENTIFICATION

Kittens should be vaccinated at 9 weeks of age
Kittens should be neutered at 6 months of age
Kittens should always have an ID tag, bemicro chipped or both

TOILET TRAINING AND ACCIDENTS

Cats are very clean animals learning to use a litter tray quickly.

Place the litter tray in a private but accessible place away from the kittens feeding area.

When accidents do occur clean the area thoroughly with a stain and odour remover. Feed your cat on the previously soiled area. Give your cat lots of love, praise and security NEVER punish them as this will add to its feeling of insecurity.

Accidents may be due to the tray not being cleaned out regular enough, the use of strong detergents - use a cleaner specially design for your kittens sensitive smell. Stress and anxiety can also be a cause of accidents

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