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Congratulations on the purchase of your new KITTEN from Passion for Pets

You can expect to enjoy many happy and rewarding years together with your new addition and to assist you in giving your kitten the care it deserves we have provided the following information.

INITIAL PURCHASES FOR YOUR NEW KITTEN

When you first make the decision to take a new kitten home you will be very excited and emotional. This is great, however it is important to remember that you have also agreed to become this animal's new parent and that means that you will need to care and provide for your new pet. Below is a short list of products you may wish to consider as you take your kitten home. We have put together this list after many years' experience in providing kittens for new homes. Most of the items on this list you will require almost as soon as you get home. Because you will more than likely require these products immediately, your Passion for Pets staff member will run through them with you prior to you leaving the store. If you have any questions regarding these products, please do not hesitate to ask. This procedure is done so that you get off to the best start possible with your new family member. You may like to use this list as a checklist for your new kitten!

1. A litter tray
2. A Wormer
3. Litter & Litter scoop
4. A Collar with a bell
5. A Bed
6. A Flea control, such as Advantage or Revolution
7. A Brush
8. Toys at least 3
9. A Scratching pole
10. A Water and Food bowl.





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FEEDING

We recommend you continue to feed your kitten the same diet it has received whilst in our care for at least the first 6 weeks to minimise the number of changes in the kitten's life at this early stage.

Generally, kittens aged between 6 - 12 weeks should be fed three small meals a day.

Breakfast _____ grams of Advance Kitten pellets with 3 teaspoons of Advance Kitten wet formula.

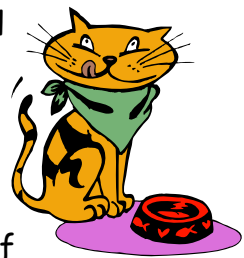
Lunch _____ grams of Advance Kitten pellets.

Dinner _____ grams of Advance Kitten pellets with 3 teaspoons of Advance Kitten wet formula.

We recommend using a stainless steel bowl for food, as they are easy to keep hygienically clean.

Always ensure your kitten has fresh water available at all times. We recommend you use a ceramic bowl for water to keep it cool and prevent the kitten from knocking it over.

NEVER feed your kitten milk or milk products. Most kittens are lactose intolerant and these products can make them ill.



WORMING

As a guide, kittens should be wormed every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old, then every month until 6 months, and then every 3 months for the rest of their life.

We recommend you use an intestinal wormer such as Felix Plus. Your Kitten has been wormed on ___/___/___ with Topitrex paste and is due again on ___/___/___.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination programs are important to the good health of your kitten and assist to develop the immune system. Vaccinations help to guard the many diseases that kittens are prone to.

Seek advice from your Passion for Pets staff member as to when your kitten's next vaccination is due.

GROOMING

Regular grooming of your kitten is essential to keeping their coat in good condition and preventing fur balls. We recommend grooming your kitten within the first few days of arriving home so they become accustomed to this activity. Slicker brushes are excellent for removing dead hair and combing through knots and thick hair. Zoom Groom rubber brushes are great for shorter hair cats and can also remove hair from your carpet and furniture.



TOILET TRAINING

Designate a quiet spot for your kittens litter tray. After your kitten finishes its

First meal place your kitten into its litter tray and wait for it to use it.

If your kitten keeps jumping out without using the toilet, keep placing it

Back into the tray until it has used it. After your kitten has used its litter tray give it plenty of praise and affection. You will only need to

Do this after the first couple of meals then your kitten will go on its own.

Always ensure you keep the litter clean and replenish when necessary. Trays should be kept full of kitty litter. We recommend using litter beads as they absorb all urine and smell, keeping the litter tray dry and fresh. Litter beads are biodegradable and one 2kg bag will last one kitten approximately one month when used with a litter bead scoop. Breeders Choice and Max's are a good recycled litter choice as well.

FLEA CONTROL

Fleas can be a problem for your kitten and your home if not kept under control. They can make life uncomfortable for your kitten, making them itchy and causing skin allergies. When your kitten has fleas it also means fleas also exist in the environment (your home, kitten's bedding etc).

We recommend using Advantage or Revolution for kittens. These products are simply applied to the back of your kittens neck and provide complete flea control for a month.

TOYS

Ensure you have a range of toys available to amuse your kitten and assist in the development of clean, strong teeth. Scratching posts are a must! Kittens need to claw to keep their nails trim, without a scratching post your kitten will perform this natural task on your furniture and curtains.





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Catnip filled or scented toys are more attractive to your kitten, you can also buy catnip in a herb or spray form to renew your kittens interest in older toys. Your Passion for Pets staff member will be able to show you what we have available in pure cat entertainment.

DESEXING YOUR KITTEN

Kittens can start breeding as young as five months of age. Unlike other animals cats will only breed in the warmer months of September thru to April. During this season both male and female cats will wander looking for a mate, this can result in your cat being involved in an accident, fights with other cats or even lost. We recommend that you have your kitten desexed at around five months of age. This can also prevent male kittens from spraying on your furniture and becoming territorial. There are also many medical reasons why you should have your cat desexed, your vet can tell you more about these.

COLLAR AND TAGS

Get your kitten used to a collar within the first few days of arriving home. An elastic collar should be used with kittens as they can get into tricky situations whilst climbing and the elastic enables the kitten to free itself. To ensure the collar is a comfortable fit, you should be able to insert two fingers under the collar. Obtain a name tag as soon as possible listing the kitten's name, address and phone number in case he/she is lost.

REGISTRATION

Contact your local council for information on whether registration is required for your kitten.

MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping is a simple, painless procedure carried out by a veterinarian. Your vet will complete a registration form with your details to be sent to a database. It is important to remember that if you change your contact details, that you contact the database company and amend your details. Microchips are used to identify your kitten in the event that it should become lost. If your kitten becomes lost and ends up at the animal shelter, pound or vets, they can use a scanner to read your kittens microchip number. They can then contact the database company with the microchip number which then links your kitten to your details.



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Passion for Pets recommend microchipping to help prevent the loss of your new family member.

CONTACT US

Our friendly staff are always available to answer your questions so please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

