

Introducing a Kitten to Your Home



Introduction

Congratulations on your new kitten! While this is an exciting time, it can be overwhelming to bring home a new pet. These instructions are intended to be a resource to anyone bringing home a new furry friend. Our instructions will include how to prepare for a kitten in your home, how to introduce your kitten to your home, and how to introduce your kitten to other pets.

Safety Information

Keep in mind that your kitten is in a new environment. Frightened kittens often scratch or bite in self-defense, which can cause injuries if handled improperly. Other pets can also react in fear. Contact a vet for more specialized help. If your kitten scratches or bites, start by stopping any bleeding. After the bleeding has stopped, clean the wound with warm water and soap

to prevent infection. After the wound has been thoroughly cleaned, use an ointment and bandage to cover the wound. Keep cleaned and covered until healed. If you experience any signs of infection, seek a doctor.

Materials

Materials needed for introducing a kitten to your home is a small room with no place to hide, food, water, and a litter box. We recommend a raw food diet. A raw food has amazing benefits for cats. There will be resources attached in the “resources” section, but you can also check out our website for more information! It is recommended to have cat toys and treats for bonding. If introducing other pets, have toys and a bed with their scent.

Preparing for a Kitten



Bengals are known to be mischievous cats. It is important to go through your home to pick up anything that can be harmful.

- Pick up rubber bands, hair ties, chewable rubber toys, ribbons, and strings. They can cause intestinal blockage if ingested.
- Throw out toys that are broken or worn down.
- Lock up all medications, poisons, and cleaning products.

- Move heavy objects, vases, and valuable objects to an area where they won't be knocked down.
- Keep toilet lids closed.
- Keep your kitten away from bathtubs and sinks filled with water. They can fall or jump without being able to escape.
- Be cautious with rocking chairs, recliners, and stovetops to prevent injuries.
- Close or block all crawl space and floor vent openings.
- Keep electrical cords out of reach.
- Check indoor plants, as they can be poisonous to cats.

Expectations



When arriving home, your kitten might not eat or drink much. Some kittens need more time to adjust to change. Show them where their food, water and litter boxes are. If they become weak or lethargic, consult your vet.

The Quarantine Phase



Once your kitten is home you should start the quarantine phase.

- Put your kitten in a small room. A bathroom is the best spot.
- Do not put food and water beside the litter box.
- Interact with them to create a bond.
- If your kitten won't leave the carrier, use a toy to coax them out.
- Visit the kitten as often as you can.
- Let them come to you to build trust.
- Start with one person at a time to avoid overwhelming the kitten.
- Kitten should stay quarantined a minimum of two weeks.
- Do not introduce kittens to other animals before the two-week mark.
- They should be trustful of you before coming out of quarantine.

Introducing Animals



Introducing animals can be a stressful event. These instructions are meant to help the process go as smooth as possible.

- After the first week, you can let the animals smell one another from under the door.
- After a couple days of smelling one another from under the door, you may swap toys, blankets, and bedding.
- After the two-week quarantine, the animals can be introduced face to face while supervised.
- Do not leave them alone unsupervised until they are completely comfortable with one another.
- If any problems occur, separate the animals, and start the process again. Allow them to smell one another's toys, blankets, and bedding for a longer amount of time.
- Do not rush their bonding. Rushing the animals can create problems.

FAQ

[My kitten won't use their litter box; I thought they were trained before picking up?](#)

All kittens are trained to use the litter box before they leave. There are multiple reasons why your kitten might be avoiding the litter box. If you are using a different litter than us, we recommend slowly transitioning from our litter to your litter so they can get used to the feeling on their toes and when they go to the bathroom. Start by only using our litter, then slowly add the other litter until it is 100% your litter. Another reason your kitten might not be using the litter box is that it needs cleaned, or they don't know where it is. Keeping your litter box clean and easily accessible is key.

[What litter do you recommend?](#)

We recommend using pelletized horse bedding from Tractor Supply or local farm store. The Tractor Supply brand ranges from \$5.99 to \$8.99, comes with 40lbs, neutralizes odor, and is natural. I recommend you ask where it is because it is not in the pet section.

[What food do you recommend? When should I transition to adult food?](#)

We recommend using a raw food diet. We use this diet on our cats, including the kittens. We provide you with a few days of raw food. If you chose to feed your kitten a dry or wet food diet, you will want to slowly transition. I would recommend waiting for adult food until your kitten is roughly a year old. For a more specific estimate, ask your vet.

[Why are my pets not getting along yet?](#)

If your pets aren't getting along after quarantine, you will need to quarantine again. Some pets take longer to adjust.

Continue to follow the steps above, and do not leave your animals together unsupervised. For more tips, ask your vet.

Resources

Below are additional resources that range from emergency phone numbers to information about your cat's diet.

- [Pet Poison Helpline \(855\) 764-7661](tel:8557647661)
- [Keeping that Bengal Kitten Fed: How Much, How Often](#)
- [Raw Diet for Cats: Is It the Best Nutrition Choice for Your Pet?](#)
- [Tips for Switching Litter](#)
- [Pellet Litter for Cats: Pros, Cons, and How it Compares to Other Options](#)

Contact

We are always available to help if you run into problems. Please do not hesitate to reach out. Our contact info is attached below. We recommend contacting your local vet, as they will be able to give additional information.

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