

Kitten Information

MICROCHIPPING

Microchip is an option more cat owners are choosing to do; and is a very simple procedure. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and will be inserted between the shoulder blades at the base of your cat's neck. It contains a unique number providing a secure and reliable way of identifying your pet. We highly recommend you register your cat's microchip number on the NZ Animal Companion Register for \$17.00 – Our staff can organise this for you.

TOYS and EXERCISE

When playing with kittens, their strong innate hunting instincts come to the fore, and you run the risk of them getting very excited and biting or scratching you. To avoid this, it's best to play with them with feathers on a wand/stick. Some cats are very active in nature. Others may require special treats or cat toys to spark that playful spirit. Encourage your cat to chase balls, sticks with feathers or flashlight pointers (be careful not to point the light in the cat's eye). Also, scratching Posts can save your furniture.

TOILETING

Kittens will naturally use litter or dirt boxes without special training but then should use the outside environment at 12-18 weeks of age. It recommended you keep kittens (and cats) inside at night. This stops them from getting into trouble with other cats, dogs or cars etc.

TEETH

Kittens have their needle-sharp deciduous teeth from a very young age – then start losing them again at only 14 weeks and about 6 months of age when the last of the permanent teeth erupt.

OUR FRIENDLY STAFF ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS

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Or IAMS COMPLETE CARE GUIDE



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Recommended Programs for Your Kitten

YOUR NEW KITTEN

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NUTRIENT

Nutrient for growing kittens is extremely important. Feeding a food with the correct balance of nutrients and energy can help ensure an appropriate level of calorific intake to ensure correct skeletal growth and help maintain your kitten's good body condition. We recommend both HILLS and IAMS, which are premium foods and contain all the essential vitamins and minerals your kitten needs. The cost to feed your kitten can be as little as 55 cents per day. It is not necessary to give supplements, calcium or milk if feeding a premium food.

Kittens should be fed 3-4 times per day until 4 months of age, then 2 meals per day until adulthood.

Do not change your puppy's diet suddenly as this can cause diarrhea. You must make the change gradually; mix a small amount of the new food in with the old food, and slowly increase the amount of new food each meal.

WORM TREATMENT

Kittens require a worm treatment every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age, then routinely every 3 months. Young animals are born with worms passed from their mothers in utero therefore pregnant and lactating queens should be wormed regularly to lower the number of worms passed to their young. Worming can cost as little as \$1 depending on the weight of your kitten

VACCINATION

Before we vaccinate, your kitten will be given a thorough Health Check. The vaccine protects your kitten against a number of respiratory diseases (cat flu) and enteritis. The vaccines are usually given at 9 and 12 weeks. Once your kitten has been vaccinated, she or he will only require an annual booster.

FLEA TREATMENT

The secret of successful flea control is to treat the animal (and if necessary the environment) with effective products regularly throughout the year. We highly recommend ADVANTAGE and FRONTLINE PLUS - Topical applications are an effective form of flea control for your pet. These products are safe and easy to apply to your pet. Importantly, all pets in your household should be treated.

NEUTERING

We recommend this procedure is performed between 5-6 months of age, **Speying** prevents your female from coming "on heat" or "in season" – so no unwanted kittens. **Castrating male kittens will greatly reduce their urge to wander and spray.**

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