

Kitten Care Sheet



Kittens make fantastic companions but you must remember they are a very important long term member of the family, so much consideration and long term commitment is needed.

We do not source kittens from breeders, but from local people with kittens in need of loving homes.

Health

Kittens are sold from the age of 8 weeks as we feel it is important that kittens stay with their mothers until such age, as their mothers milk contains beneficial nutrients and vitamins to ensure healthy growth and a good start in life.

- Kittens are visually well and active
- Pink and healthy gums
- No discharge from either end of the kitten
- Clear bright eyes
- All kittens are wormed on sight
- It is common for kittens to pick up fleas (kittens are treated if necessary)
- Clean ears no ear mites

Diet

It is important not to change the diet of your kitten as this can be dangerous. Change of diet may result with diarrhoea which can lead to serious dehydration.

Do not handle kittens after they have eaten.

Feed little and often over 3 small feeds as kittens have only small stomachs.

Worms

Kittens are born harbouring worms. During pregnancy hormone activity stimulates the larvae in the mother cat, later these mature causing pre and post natal worm infection in the litter.

Kittens are wormed in the shop at 8 weeks of age but they must also receive treatment at 10 and 12 weeks, and thereafter every 3 months to combat roundworm and tapeworm.

Fleas

Kittens can pick up fleas from anywhere, so we advise regular treatment to prevent infestation. We treat all kittens with Johnsons flea tablets, this kills all adult fleas within 24 hours on your pet.

There are good products such as Bob Martin double action spot on, this will ensure all flea larvae does not develop, or strong hold which can be purchased at any vet.

We advise once every 12 months to treat your homes with products like Johnsons 4 fleas which is an excellent flea killer and regulator for your home.

Neutering

Female cats come into season at as early as 5 months old during the main breeding season Jan – May and July – September. They will call at 14 day intervals. We do seriously advise spaying at 5 months and castration as early as 4 months.

Sex

Even though to the best of our ability we do try to sex the animals correctly. We can never 100% guarantee any animal as even at 8 weeks a kitten is not quite fully developed, and is sometimes not obvious.

Grooming

Kittens love to be groomed with a soft brush, daily grooming will help to remove excess hair and also help you bond with your kitten.

Vaccinations

All cats should be inoculated against panleucopenia (feline infectious enteritis) and 2 forms of cat flu.

First injection 9 – 10 weeks

Second injection 11 – 12 weeks

This should be followed by annual boosters.

Scratch and Play

Kittens love to play and exercise their claws so we advise you have plenty of toys and a suitable scratcher to protect carpets and other furniture. Kittens will spend a lot of time sleeping as this is the time they rest and grow so ensure a comfy bed.

Duty to animals

All Kittens come with a 2 week guarantee, as even initial quarantine will not always show early signs of illnesses eg cat flu.

All customers can be assured we will take care and responsibility for all animals sold at 5Ways Pets.

If a problem were to arise contact us on 01202 527920 we will either take the kitten back or take it to our designated vet. We do not refund any other vets fees you must bring the kitten to us.

Any animal returned 30 percent is retained as a deposit.