

Caring for your **Kitten**



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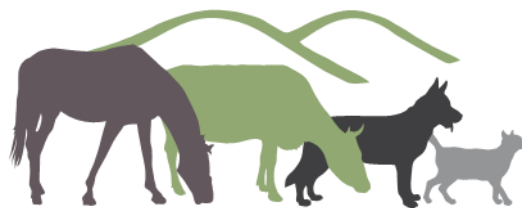
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Kitten



Care Notes

Parasites

Intestinal worms

The major intestinal worms affecting your cat are roundworm, hookworm, and tapeworm. If your cat hunts (e.g. lizards and geckos), additional tapeworm medication is required for treatment of spirometra.

Worms are common in cats and can cause lasting affect or serious illness if left untreated. General worming treatment schedule for cats is shown below, however, this may depend on the product you are using:

Age:

2—12 weeks Every 4 weeks

3+ months Every month

If you are giving tablets and need assistance our vet nurses can show you how or call to schedule a free appoint for your cat to be wormed.

Fleas

Fleas can cause irritation, skin allergies and anaemia just to name a few. To kill the fleas the approach must include constant prevention for your cat in order to kill the adults and break the flea cycle within the environment.

There are many effective products to protect your cat against fleas including topical treatments, tablets and collars. Ask your veterinarian or veterinary nurse for the best product to suit you and you cat.

Ticks

Ticks are a serious problem in our area. Wildlife are unaffected by them but they carry ticks into our cats environment. The common problem ticks are Paralysis ticks and Brown dog ticks.



There are now tick preventatives available for you cat in a topical treatment form. Ask your veterinarian or veterinary nurses for the best treatment for your cat.

Heartworm

Heartworm is transmitted by a mosquito bite so all cats are at risk. It causes damage to your cats heart and lungs and this parasite is deadly so prevention is essential.

The preventive programs should start as early as 8 weeks through use of a topical treatment. This should continue throughout your cats life.

Many topical products are available on the market. Ask our vets or nurses what preventative treatment is best for you and your cat.



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Vaccinations

Vaccinations are essential to protect your kitten from a variety of potentially fatal diseases.

Kittens and cats should be vaccinated from 8 weeks of age to protect against Feline enteritis, Feline Chlamydia, Cat flu and Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

Treatment for these diseases is often expensive and difficult and the recovery rates are low. Vaccinations are repeated annually and is the best protection you can offer your pet. Health checks are included at each vaccination visit to ensure your pet's health is at its best.

Microchipping

Kittens can be microchipped from 8 weeks of age. This is a small chip that is positioned between the shoulder blades under the skin. It is a permanent mode of identification which your pet carries with them everywhere for life.

It is important your cat's microchipping details are kept up to date. Ask the staff how you can check your details and if necessary update them.

De-sexing

Both male and female cats can be de-sexed from 5-6 months of age. This is a routine procedure and has a quick 10 day recovery. De-sexing has many benefits including the prevention of unwanted litters!



Pet Insurance

Illness or accidents can happen unexpectedly and can be expensive. Pet insurance is important to consider as it will enable you to afford the best treatment for your cat.

Transport

When transporting your kitten it is best to purchase a carry cage. This allows your kitten to be safe while transporting and allows you to have a stress free vet visit. Ask our staff what the best carry cages might be for you and your pet.













Nutrition

From birth until 3 – 4 weeks of age, mother's milk will satisfy all the nutritional needs for your kitten. After this time however, kittens will begin to take an interest in other foods.

Growing kittens have a large demand for nutrients so it is important that their first solid foods are highly palatable, easy to eat and supply a complete and balanced nutrition. Cats are natural grazers, however, Kittens should be fed their daily requirement 3 to 4 times a day, while adult cats only require 1 to 2 meals per day.

We recommend premium dry foods, as there is no need to supplement. Please ask your vet or vet nurse for a product to meet the special nutritional requirements of your puppy. You should also insure your cat has a constant supply of clean drinking water.

Veterinary Care Scheduler

Date	Age	Worming	Heartworm	Vaccination	Desexing
	4 weeks				
	8 weeks			 F4 + FIV	
	10 weeks			 FIV	
	12 weeks			 F4 + FIV	
	4 & 5 months				
	6 months				
	For Life	Every __ mths with _____	Every __ mths with _____	Annually	



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Monday – Friday 8.00am – 11.00am
3.00pm – 6.00pm
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