

Seven essential tips for new kittens

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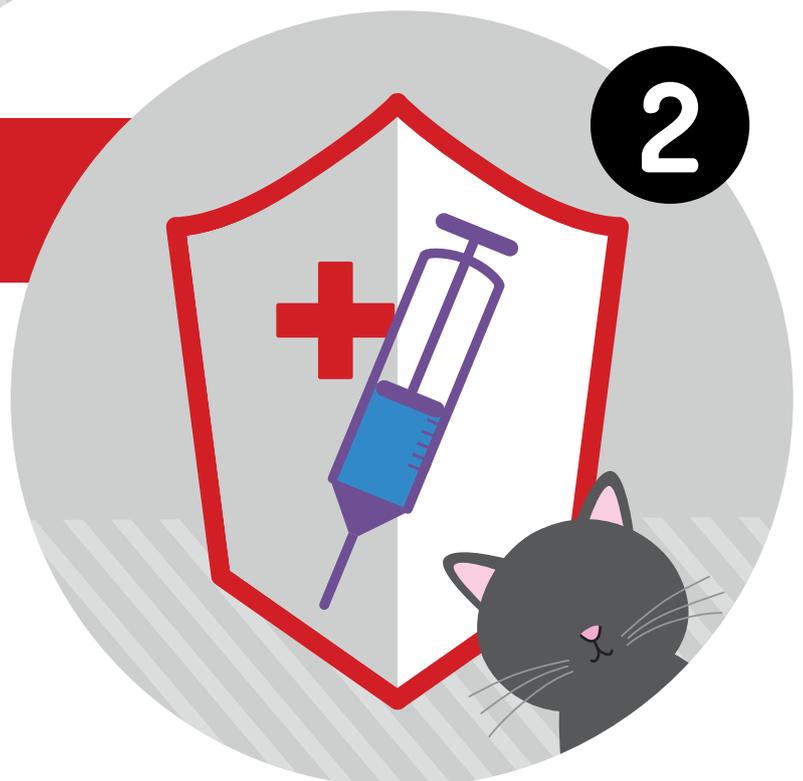
Food

Quality kitten food is a given; take a look at the ingredients to make sure you've chosen food that is formulated for kittens and has meat as the first ingredient rather than food that is full of filler. Treats are great rewards for your kitten but should not make up more than 5% of his daily diet.

Prevent diseases

Vaccinations are best done as early as possible, for maximum protection from nasty diseases such as feline leukaemia, rabies and distemper (usually at 8 weeks). You'll also need boosters until 16 weeks, when we can do a booster vaccination for adult cats and a schedule for future care.

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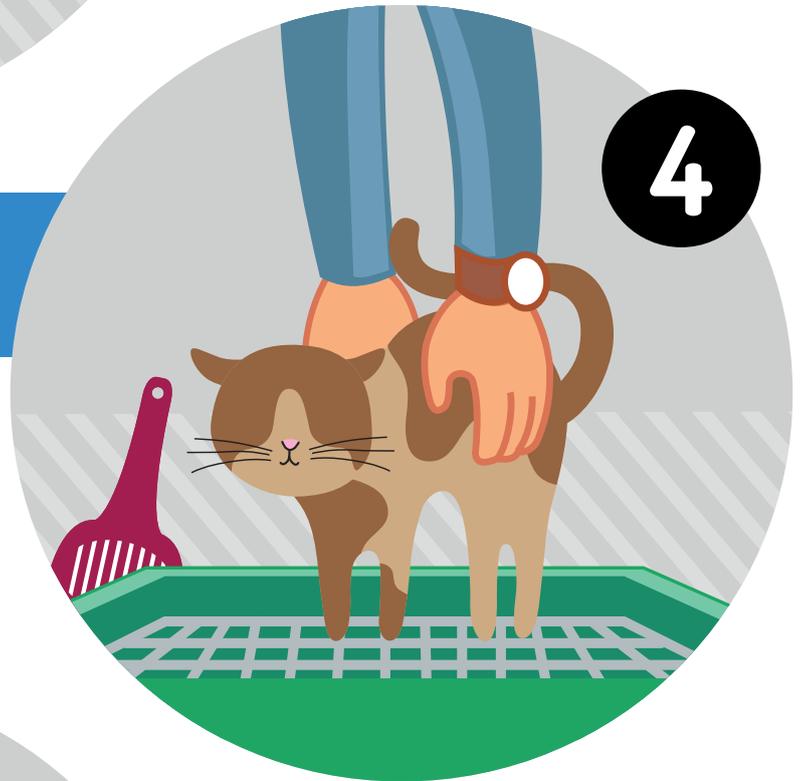
Prevent unwanted kittens

Don't want a pregnant cat? In that case, get your kitten neutered between 4 and 6 months of age. It can also protect them from other health complications and improve their behaviour, especially around cats of the opposite sex.

Litter box training

Every morning, lift your kitten into their litter tray - then do the same after every meal and right before bedtime. This way, they'll start to associate the litter tray with times that they need to do their business. And remember, patience will pay off!

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Socialise your kitten

As a pet owner, socialisation is one of your most important responsibilities. If animals don't get used to people and other animals at an early age, they may grow up feeling nervous and even aggressive about interacting with the wider world. Handle your kitten frequently, groom them and make gentle introductions to other beings.



Kitten's First Veterinary Visit

When you take your kitten to the vet for the first time, your good doctor will probably give him or her a physical exam before anything else. This is really important – your vet can find physical problems with your kitty just by looking him or her over, such as poor gait or skin problems, and get your kitten on a treatment plan right away.



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Litter Box

A big litter box, litter, and scoop are essential. If you have multiple cats or your home has multiple floors, it might be smart to have more than one litter box.

Get in touch

Consult us if you aren't sure what is best for your kitten