

# KITTEN CARE SHEET

Congratulations on your new fur baby! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns anytime! Below you will find general information, recommendations and helpful suggestions.

## Transitioning To a New Home

Your kitten may be nervous and want to hide for the first few days to a week. This behavior is normal as they are leaving their mom, siblings and the only home they have ever known. Your kitten may not be interested in eating the first day as well. If they haven't eaten by day 3, please consult your veterinarian for peace of mind. We recommend setting up a small intimate space close by with food, litter and toys for the first week. This is especially important if you have other pets in the home. Bathrooms or small bedrooms work well to help ease the transition. Spend as much time as you can talking and playing with your kitten during the first days.

## Nutrition

Health is one of our top priorities! We feed only premium quality products to ensure the proper nutrition for our kittens. We feed a 50/50 mix of Lifes Abundance All Life Stages and Iams Hairball Care dry cat food. The Lifes Abundance can be purchased at [www.lifesabundance.com/nyfinestdolls](http://www.lifesabundance.com/nyfinestdolls) and the Iams is readily available in store and online. We don't recommend switching your kitten's food. Although, if you do choose to change the food, we ask that you wait at least one month before switching and to do it gradually. We recommend leaving dry food out 24/7 until 6 months of age. After 6 months we recommend feeding  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of dry food in the morning and evening. Wet food is also important to feed regularly. We feed Blue Buffalo tasteful kitten chicken pate, Wellness Core Tiny Tasters chicken or turkey pate and Whole Hearted chicken recipe flaked in broth or chicken & pumpkin recipe flaked in broth. We mix the pate with plain pumpkin, Probiotics probiotics and NuVet supplement to support the immune system and digestive tract. Feed  $\frac{1}{2}$  can with 1 Tbsp of pumpkin and 1 scoop of each supplement in the morning and  $\frac{1}{2}$  can with 1 Tbsp of pumpkin in the evening. You can purchase both the

canned food and probiotics on Chewy. Check your folder for more information and where to purchase the NuVet supplement.

Disclosure – I do receive a small commission if you purchase the Lifes Abundance and NuVet supplement using my Lifes Abundance link and NuVet code. Your support is kindly appreciated!

## Health

Your Kitten has received 2-3 FVRCP (Distemper) core vaccines depending on the age of your kitten. Kittens that are 13-15 weeks old have received two vaccinations. Kittens that are 16 weeks or older have received three vaccinations. Please refer to your kittens health record folder. If your kitten has received two FVRCP vaccinations, you will need to schedule an appointment with your vet for the third FVRCP no later than 4 weeks after the second vaccination was given. Your kitten will need a rabies vaccination (depending on your state laws) no sooner than 4 months of age. Some older kittens may have received their rabies vaccination with us when they were spayed/neutered. If so their rabies certificate will be included on the spay/neuter certificate. Your kitten has been dewormed at least 4 times, has been flea treated and microchipped. Pet quality kittens are spayed/neutered before leaving us. Males will have a small incision in each testicle which will usually heal within one week. There is no need to use a cone (E-collar) for males. Females will have a small incision in the abdomen with dissolvable stitches. Females will usually heal within 2 weeks as long as the incision is kept clean and dry. Do not let her lick the incision to avoid infection. If she persists, use a body suit or an E-collar. If the incision becomes red, swollen or has discharge please consult your veterinarian. Most of our kittens do leave us fully healed.

## Litter

Your kitten is fully litter trained to use a regular litter box as well as a litter robot! Please keep your litter box in an accessible area far away from your kittens food and water. We recommend 1 litter box on each floor and at least 1 litter box per cat (plus 1 extra box) in multiple cat homes. Any quality clumping litter will do just fine. Although, we recommend Dr. Elseys kitten attract litter if your kitten is having difficulty transitioning. Check your folder for Dr. Elseys coupons!

## Cat Toys, Trees & Scratchers

Your kitten is trained to use a cat scratcher. It is extremely important to provide an appropriate spot for your cat to scratch in order to avoid scratching in unwanted areas. Providing large, sturdy cat scratching posts and/or cat trees are ideal for Ragdolls. Small to medium size trees are fine for Scottish folds. Amazon and Chewy have a large selection. Wands, tunnels, balls, and fuzzy mice are good options for your kitten to play with. Please refrain from letting your cat/kitten play with hair ties as they could potentially eat them resulting in an intestinal blockage.

## Grooming

We recommend brushing your kitten often. If not every day at least a few times a week to cut down on shedding. Slicker brushes and steel grooming combs are a good choice for your Ragdoll or Scottish fold. We also recommend taking your Ragdoll to a groomer a few times a year for a sanitary trim to help keep the rear end clean and prevent poo from getting stuck in the fur. The Ragdolls benefit from a seasonal bath and blow out in the spring to help cut down on shedding as well. The Scottish kittens do require a little less care when it comes to grooming. However, since they have an undercoat it is still important to brush your kitten regularly. Weepy eyes are common in the Scottish breed so it's important to clean their eyes frequently. Tear stain eye wipes work well! We do offer grooming services for our local kitten customers. A sanitary trim, nail trim and brush out is free of charge! We give a discount of half off for a full-service groom to our kitten customers. A full groom includes a bath, blowout, nail trim, ear & eye cleaning, brushing and a sanitary trim if requested.

## Registration

As your kittens breeder, I have registered the litter with TICA. It is your responsibility to choose a name and then register your kitten as such to you with TICA. This can easily be done online at <https://tfms.tica.org/s/> or you can fill out the breeder slip and mail it to the address listed at the bottom of the form. You will need the breeder slip that I have enclosed in your kittens folder and you will need to create an online account if you do not have one. After you have created an account, login and click on “register a cat”. You will be prompted to enter the breeder slip number at the top of the form. Then you'll need to enter a name and check if it is available. If the name hasn't been taken, you can proceed with the registration. There is a fee of \$10 for TICA members or \$12 for non-members. Once you have submitted the payment, the cat will appear under the “my cats” tab. From there you can print their TICA registration certificate which will reflect that you are the registered owner. You may also order a pedigree of your cats lineage if you wish. If you require additional assistance with registering your cat, please reach out and I will gladly help!

## Last But Not Least

Please keep in touch! We love to get updates and see pictures of how your kitten is developing. Also, we kindly ask that you consider leaving a review on our Facebook page or Google.