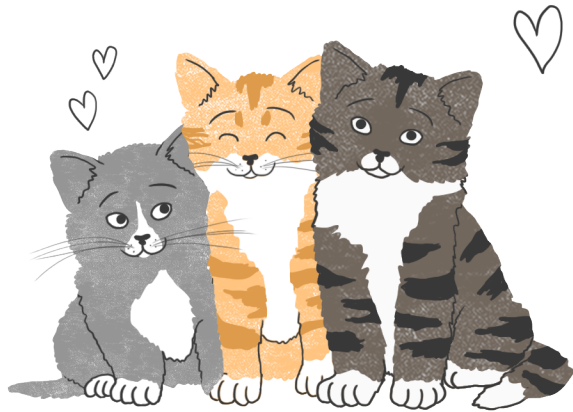


NEW KITTEN CHECKLIST

Whether you're a first-time adopter or an experienced pet parent, this vet-approved checklist will help turn your house into a home for your new kitten.



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Essential Items

- ☐ A cozy cat carrier that doubles as a bed
- ☐ A litter box (one per kitten plus one additional)
- ☐ A comfortable bed
- ☐ Laser pointer, feather toys, and a scratching post
- ☐ Stainless steel or porcelain food and water bowls

Kitten Proof

- ☐ Cover electrical outlets
- ☐ Cover trash cans
- ☐ Remove toxic plants
- ☐ Put away medicine and cleaning products
- ☐ Make sure they have easy access to their food, water, litter boxes, resting spots, hiding spots, and high perches

The First Week

- ☐ Get insurance for the first year at least (costs add up!)
- ☐ Visit the vet for a first checkup
- ☐ Have them microchipped
- ☐ Make sure your home is kitten-proof
- ☐ Think about creating a "catio" or outdoor enclosed space for them to roam

Routine

- ☐ Brush their teeth daily or at a minimum of once a week
- ☐ Get them used to paws being handled and nail trims
- ☐ Feed them 3 times a day once they're older than 6 weeks
- ☐ Brush their hair once a day
- ☐ Scoop the litter box at least once a day and deep clean once a week
- ☐ Start them on a monthly flea, tick, heartworm, and intestinal parasites preventative

Scan to keep them safe and happy





NEW KITTEN MILESTONES

Week 2
Kittens Eyes Open

Week 3
Kittens Start Walking

Week 4
Kittens Begin Social Play

Weeks 5 & 6
Kittens Advance to Adult Cat Play

Weeks 7 to 16
Kittens Continue to Develop



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WEEKS 0-2

Neonatal

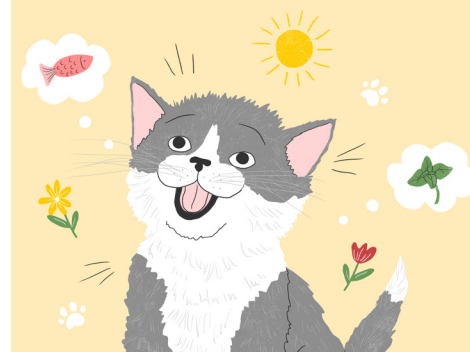
When born, kittens can't see or hear, so they depend on their mother for survival and feeding. Their mother also helps regulate their temperature and stimulate them so they can go to the bathroom after feeding.



BEGINS AT 3 WEEKS

Transitional

During this time, your kitten's ears and eyes will open. There isn't a clearly defined length for this period, but it lasts through the early stages of your kitten's socialization period.



WEEKS 2-7

Socialization

Now that they're able to see and hear, this is the time to expose your kitten to new experiences and different surroundings. Try things like acclimating them to their carrier, the car, and visiting the vet — as these are all great tools for socialization.



BEGINS AT 8 WEEKS

Juvenile

During this time, your kitten will begin eating solid food and will continue to learn important social skills. They'll also start using the litter box and exploring their environment by climbing and scratching.

