



**Vaccinations:** Please see the Feline Vaccine Information Sheet for further information. Because your kitten has a naive immune system, most of the vaccines that they receive will need to be boosted with another vaccination, usually 3-4 weeks later. The exception is the Rabies vaccine, where the first vaccine is good for 1 year, and the FVRCP vaccine, where they need to be boosted every 3-4 weeks until they are over 16 weeks old. In the beginning, your kitten will be here often. Don't worry though, most kitties can move to visits every 6 months after their initial kitten series.

**Pet Insurance:** Pet insurance is a great idea for our pets! Kittenhood is a great time to insure our kittens because they have no preexisting conditions. Insurance companies will offer a variety of plans. Some will include wellness services, such as vaccines and exams, whereas others will include accidents or emergencies only. There are many different insurance companies to choose from. The largest and most popular companies include ASPCA, PetPlan, Embrace, Trupanion and Nationwide.

**Stool sample:** If you haven't already done so, please submit a stool sample on your kitten as soon as possible. Gastrointestinal parasites are very common in kittens and some can even be transmitted to people. We want to address these issues quickly! You do not need an appointment to drop off your stool sample. Please drop off a sample that is as fresh as possible.

**Feline Leukemia/AIDS/Bartonella testing:** We recommend that all kittens be tested for Feline Leukemia/AIDS/Bartonella. This test should be repeated when they are 6 months old. Feline Leukemia (Felv) and AIDS (FIV) are two systemic viral infections that can impact the longevity of our kitties and can be transmitted to their housemates. Feline Bartonella a bacterial disease that is transmitted from either mom to kitten, through bites or through fleas. Feline Bartonella can be transmitted to people through bites or scratches and is the causative agent of "Cat Scratch Fever" in people. Feline Bartonella is treated with antibiotics.

**Feeding:** Please feed an AAFCO approved kitten specific diet. Kittens can either be meal fed or the food can be left out for them to graze on.



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***Heartworm Preventative and Flea and Tick Preventative:*** We recommend that all kittens over 8 weeks old, indoor or out, be on topical, once monthly Revolution Plus. Revolution Plus is a combination flea, tick, heartworm and intestinal parasite prevention. Heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes and is a deadly disease in cats, with no approved treatment. Prevention is the only way to keep our kitties protected. Indoor and outdoor cats are exposed to mosquitos. In fact, the American Association of Feline Practitioners did a study that said that 25% of heartworm positive cats were indoor only cats. Wow!

***Spaying or Neutering your Kitten:*** We recommend that all pets be spayed or neutered. There are a lot of benefits to spaying and neutering, including reduced risks of uterine infections, mammary cancer, testicular cancer, prostate issues, and behavioral issues and marking. Cats should be spayed and neutered between 5 and 6 months old.

***Microchipping your Kitten:*** Microchipping is a great idea for all kitty cats. It is a quick and relatively painless procedure that we can do during your kitten's spay or neuter. No bigger than a grain of rice, the microchip contains all of your and your pet's information, in the event that your pet becomes lost. If you have adopted a shelter kitten, the shelter normally implants a microchip before they are adopted. Please make sure to register their microchip with your information.



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