

YOUR NEW KITTEN

Settling in

Bring your kitten to see us after you have had it at your home for a couple of days. This gives you time to notice anything which you want to ask us about, as well as giving him/her a chance to settle in.

Feeding

We recommend that you only feed "kitten" food. This could be wet or dry or a mixture of both and should be a "complete" diet. Higher priced diets reflect higher quality, more digestible ingredients.

Frequency of feeding:

If feeding a wet food (cans, pouches, etc.)

4 meals daily until 12 weeks old.

3 meals daily until 6 months old.

2 meals daily from 6 months old.

If feeding a dry food, leave it down all the time. Cats (and kittens) in the wild are "snackers", instinctively eating little and often. If your cat becomes overweight, then we will recommend a different feeding regime.

Water must be available at all times and never withheld.

Vaccination

Vaccination protects against:

Cat "flu" (feline herpes/rhinotracheitis virus and feline calici virus)

Viral "enteritis" (feline panleucopaenia virus).

Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV).

Two injections are necessary to complete a vaccination course:

First dose: given from 8 weeks old.

Second dose: 3-4 weeks later.



Vaccinations then need to be given annually thereafter so keep a record of when your cat's vaccines are next due.

Letting your kitten out

Your kitten is not fully protected by these vaccines until 2 weeks after the second dose of vaccine. Keep him/her indoors until then.

Worming

We recommend "Milbactor Kitten" tablets or "Panacur paste"

Our recommended schedule is:

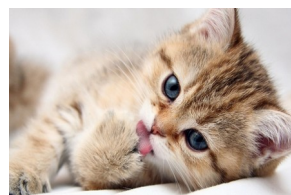
dose every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old, then

dose every month until 6 months old.

From 6 months onwards, we recommend worming every 3 months using either "Milbactor", "Drontal cat" or "Panacur".

Flea treatment

Fleas are prevalent all year round so we recommend you protect your cat using a recommended spot-on product. Your vet can discuss the options available and what would best suit your kitten.



Neutering

We routinely sterilise male cats (castrate) and female cats (spay) when 5 to 6 months old. This is usually a day procedure, carried out under general anaesthetic.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you insure your kitten, if it is not already covered. Try and choose a policy that offers "lifelong" cover. We are pleased to be able to offer you a 5 week free insurance with Agria. Please speak to a member of the team for more information.

Microchipping

Microchipping enables your cat to be identified should (s)he get lost. Unlike collars, these tiny microchips can't be lost or removed. Microchip details and your contact details are kept on a readily-accessible national database and are read using a special scanner. Some catflaps are designed to read these microchips to ensure only your cat enters your house!