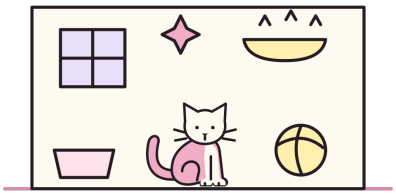
Caring for a kitten

A safe space, small routines, and plenty of gentle play.



For kittens eating on their own

Very young kittens who still need milk require different care. Contact a vet or experienced kitten rescue for help; use the specialist guide if you found kittens outdoors.

Found a kitten outside?

Have these ready

- [ ] Secure carrier and quiet room
- [ ] Low-entry litter box
- [ ] Complete kitten food and fresh water
- [ ] Safe toys, scratching surface, and bed

01 Make a small space safe

- [ ] Secure windows, cords, and gaps a kitten could get stuck in.
- [ ] Put away medicines, toxic plants, string, and small objects.

02 Make meals and litter familiar

- [ ] Start with the food they know; change foods gradually.
- [ ] Keep fresh water available and scoop a low-entry litter box daily.

03 Play gently, then let them rest

- [ ] Use toys instead of hands or feet for play.
- [ ] Leave the carrier open as a familiar resting place; put wand toys away after supervised play.

04 Book a first vet visit

- [ ] Ask about vaccines, parasite prevention, and spay/neuter plans.
- [ ] Discuss health checks and separation before meeting other pets.

Notes for your next vet visit

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Ask your vet

- [ ] What food, portions, and meal routine suit this kitten?
- [ ] Which vaccines, parasite care, and tests are due?
- [ ] What is already recorded for spay/neuter and identification?

What have you noticed?

Meals and drinking

Litter-box habits

Energy, play, and rest

Do not wait for a routine visit

Contact a vet promptly if your kitten stops eating, becomes weak, or seems ill.

Sources & full guide

Cat Friendly Homes · First year of life

Cat Friendly Homes · How to feed a cat

ASPCA · Preparing a safe home

Kitten Lady · Found a kitten outside?

ASPCA · General cat care

www.straykitty.org/guides/caring-for-a-kitten

General guidance, not an individual veterinary care plan. Use the full online guide for context and current source links.