



New Kitten Checklist

Your Complete Guide to Welcoming Your New Feline Friend

Bringing home a kitten is an exciting moment filled with **joy**, curiosity, and plenty of adorable firsts. With a little planning, you can create a **safe, loving space** that helps your new companion settle in comfortably. This checklist will guide you through the essentials so you can focus on building a happy, healthy bond from day one.



Before Bringing Your Kitten Home

Set up a calm, secure environment so your kitten can adjust with confidence.

- Prepare a safe room for initial adjustment
 - Remove hazards and toxic plants (lilies, aloe, etc.)
 - Secure electrical cords and small objects
 - Set up litter box area in quiet location
 - Create a comfortable sleeping space with soft bedding
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Essential Supplies

Gather everything ahead of time so your kitten arrives to a fully prepared home.

- Food and water bowls (stainless steel or ceramic)
 - High-quality kitten food (wet and dry)
 - Litter box (one per cat plus one extra)
 - Unscented, clumping cat litter
 - Sturdy cat carrier for transport
 - Cozy bed or soft blanket
 - Scratching post or pad
 - Variety of safe toys (balls, mice, wands)
 - Soft grooming brush
 - Kitten-safe nail clippers
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Feeding & Nutrition

- Choose age-appropriate kitten food (high protein)
 - Establish consistent feeding schedule (3-4 times daily)
 - Ensure fresh water is available at all times
 - Monitor appetite and eating habits
 - Learn about harmful human foods (chocolate, onions, garlic)
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Veterinary Care

Regular veterinary care is one of the best ways to protect your kitten's long-term health and wellbeing.

- Schedule first veterinary appointment within 72 hours
 - Complete vaccination schedule (FVRCP series)
 - Follow deworming plan as recommended
 - Arrange microchipping for identification
 - Start flea and parasite prevention program
 - Discuss spay/neuter timing (usually 4-6 months)
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Training & Socialization

- Begin litter box training immediately
 - Introduce household members gradually
 - Practice gentle handling and petting
 - Provide exposure to new environments slowly
 - Use positive reinforcement training techniques
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Play & Enrichment

- Schedule daily play sessions (15-20 minutes, 2-3x daily)
 - Rotate interactive toys to maintain interest
 - Provide climbing opportunities (cat tree or shelves)
 - Offer multiple scratching areas
 - Include mental stimulation activities (puzzle feeders)
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First Month Milestones

Celebrate the small wins as your kitten grows more confident, comfortable, and at home.

- Eating independently and maintaining appetite
 - Consistent and appropriate litter box use
 - Comfortable and relaxed around family members
 - First vet visit completed successfully
 - Initial vaccinations started on schedule
 - Healthy weight gain and growth progress
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Notes & Observations

Use this space to track important information about your kitten's first weeks at home:

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