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# JUNIOR CAT CARE MANUAL

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for distribution to young owners of cats and kittens



## HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CAT OR KITTEN

Including: Feeding  
Inoculations  
Health Chart  
Bedding & Tray

Collar  
Grooming  
Fleas & Worms  
Neutering





My cat's name is

\_\_\_\_\_

He/She was born on

\_\_\_\_\_

Colour and markings

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

He/She was neutered

\_\_\_\_\_



### A Collar

It is necessary to keep a new cat or kitten indoors for about 2 weeks after bringing him home for the first time.

He will then know that this is his new home. An elasticated collar will make sure that you will find him again if he wanders or has an accident.

Remember to write your address and telephone number clearly on the collar.



Keep your cat indoors at night. He will then be safe from the risk of being run over, lost or stolen.

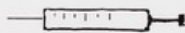
### A New Kitten

Kittens are old enough to leave their mother at 8 weeks.

Your new kitten must be protected against FELINE ENTERITIS and CAT FLU from about 12 weeks old. The cat will then have a booster inoculation every year.



It is up to you to see that your kitten is taken to the Veterinary Surgeon for these inoculations.



My kitten's  
inoculation chart

Date	Inoculation

### A Litter Tray

Cats are naturally clean animals but a new kitten needs to be shown what to do.

Fill a litter tray with clean earth or cat litter and keep it in the same place where the kitten can easily find it. The tray must be cleaned and disinfected regularly.



Take the kitten to the tray after mealtimes and on waking up from sleep.

If you have a garden, introduce him to it gradually and he will soon learn to make his own toilet arrangements.

Never rub a kitten's nose in a mistake he has made. Kittens learn by love and understanding.

#### ..... and a bed

Sleep is a very important part of a kitten's life and young kittens sleep for a large part of the day.

Give your cat or kitten a basket or cardboard box, raised from the floor to exclude draughts. Cardboard boxes make excellent beds for cats since they are easily renewed when dirty and are snug and draught free. Line it with a warm blanket or sheet.



#### ..... and a travel basket

When your cat visits the Veterinary Surgeon or stays at a Cattery it is necessary for him to be taken there in a proper travel basket with secure straps.

Many cats are lost through escaping from their owners' arms or falling out of cardboard boxes.

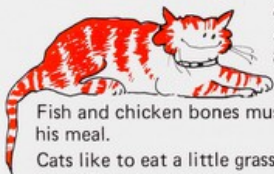
#### Food

At 8 weeks a kitten should be given 4 or 5 meals each day including 1 or 2 meals of baby cereal or rice made with milk. A spot of Marmite can be added to the food once a day. Milk should be given *between* meals and fresh water should always be available.

An adult cat needs 2 meals each day.

Cats and kittens like a mixed balanced diet consisting of some of the following:

red meat	egg
cooked fish	cheese
liver	chicken
tinned cat food	rabbit



Fish and chicken bones must be removed before giving the cat his meal.

Cats like to eat a little grass. If none is available, grow a pot of Cocksfoot grass for him.

(Seed available from The Cats Protection League.)

#### Neutering

A female cat can in just five years be responsible for about 20,000 descendants. Only a fraction of kittens born each year find good, caring homes and so it is very important, in order to help solve this problem that you **HAVE YOUR CAT NEUTERED.**



Male and female kittens can be neutered at 5 months or older.

Your Veterinary Surgeon will advise you on the best time to have your kitten neutered and on caring for him or her after the operation.

**NEUTERED CATS MAKE BETTER PETS**

#### Grooming

Brushing and combing will remove loose hair and dirt and help to prevent fur-balls forming in the cats stomach.

If you regularly groom your cat you will keep him clean and healthy and will notice if there is anything wrong with him.

Have your cat's teeth checked regularly by your Veterinary Surgeon.







## THE CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

*(Registered National Charity No. 203644)*

The Cats Protection League was founded in 1927, and is the oldest Charity devoted solely to the welfare of cats.

### OBJECTS

- (1) To rescue stray, unwanted and injured cats, rehabilitate them and rehome them where possible.
- (2) To provide information to the public on the care of cats and kittens.
- (3) To encourage the neutering of all cats not required for breeding.

### GROUPS AND BRANCHES

Our work is carried out through more than 125 Groups and Branches situated throughout the British Isles and staffed by voluntary workers. Special rescue centres are situated in Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Isle of Wight, Belfast and Derby.

### FINANCE

We are supported entirely by members' subscriptions, donations, legacies and our own fund-raising events.

### MEMBERSHIP

There are some 10,500 members on the Headquarters roll and many others attached to local Branches. New members are always welcome; the annual subscription is modest and includes our magazine 'The Cat' published every other month. Life Membership and Junior Membership schemes are also available.



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