



**Good Friends  
Animal  
Hospital**

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## ***Kitten Health Care***

### **Vaccinations**

- *Distemper/upper respiratory combination* is given every 3-4 weeks until the kitten is 3 months old and is recommended for all kittens.
- *Rabies* is given at 3 months or older and is recommended for kittens that will go outside or in households with children.
- *Leukemia* is advised if the kitten will go outside or be around other cats.

### ***Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus Test***

This test is recommended for all kittens because they are fatal diseases.

### ***Nutrition***

Kittens should be fed 2-4 meals per day, depending on their age. We recommend Felidae. It is a very digestible, high quality food so your kitten will produce less stool with less odor. Felidae contains no artificial preservatives and contains vitamins C and E.

### ***Spay and Neuter***

Kittens can be spayed or neutered at 4 to 6 months of age. If you plan to declaw your kitten it can be done at this time.

### ***Parasites***

All kittens should be treated for roundworms. A stool sample should be checked at the first appointment and then 3 months later or after treatment.

### ***Grooming***

If your kitten will have long hair, start brushing or combing now so he/she becomes accustomed to it. Flea combs are also useful to check for fleas and remove them. Nails grow quickly and should be trimmed regularly. Some cats need hairball medication. Lipton Animal Hospital carries a gel type that moves the hair through the digestive system and a powder that digests hair.

### ***Dental Care***

Cats can have the same dental problems that humans have so it is important to brush their teeth regularly. This works best if you start when they are kittens.

### ***Litter Box***

Even young kittens will use a litter box. Locate the box where the kitten can easily find it and clean it frequently.

### ***Odor Control***

It is helpful to have on hand a product to remove the smell of urine in case your kitten has an accident. Be sure to use an enzyme product to break down the odor before you do any other cleaning.