

Kitten Ownership From A to Z

Let this alphabetical list guide you through the process of acquiring and caring for a new kitten.

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X - Xmas

The holiday season can be filled with dangers for curious kittens. Be sure to keep human snacks, tinsel, ribbons, tree water, electrical cords and other dangers out of your pet's access. No one wants to spend this joyous time in the emergency veterinary office with a sick or injured pet.

Y - Youth

Kittenhood generally lasts for one to two years, depending on your cat's breed. After that, your pet is considered an adult cat. A senior cat usually is 7 years or older. With good care, your kitten can live into its twenties.

Z - Zoonoses

There are a few animal diseases, such as rabies, toxoplasmosis, Cat Scratch Disease and ringworm, that can be transmitted to humans. Most are transmitted through bites, scratches or ingestion. Prevention is the primary way to avoid getting these diseases. Do not allow your kitten to bite or scratch you, and wash hands with soap and water immediately after interacting with pets or their waste.