

Parenting 101: Our Guide to Kitten Ownership

New Pet Checklist

☐ Schedule a Veterinary Exam

- ☐ *First Exam:* Schedule appointment the first week you take your kitten home.
- ☐ *Vaccinations:* Discuss with your veterinarian the timeline for essential vaccines such as Upper Respiratory Vaccination, Rabies, Deworming, and Heartworm.
- ☐ *Microchipping:* Make sure to get your kitten is microchipped and keep your contact information up-to-date [here](#). This is your pet's permanent ID that can help them return home safely and quickly if they were to get lost.
- ☐ *Spay or Neuter:* Consult with your veterinarian the most appropriate time to spay or neuter your kitten and get an appointment on the calendar.

☐ Shop for Pet Supplies

- ☐ *Food and Water Bowls:* Stainless steel bowls are extremely durable, bacteria-resistant and easy to care for. Check out our favorite [here](#).
- ☐ *Food:* There are a lot of options out there, so be sure to ask your veterinarian about the best food for your kitten based on their age, size, and activity level. Be sure to keep their diet consistent and create a feeding routine. Sign up for our Online Pharmacy [here](#) for easy home delivery for your pet prescriptions and food.
- ☐ *Collar:* Make sure to buy the appropriate size [collar](#) for your pet so that two fingers fit comfortably underneath and adjust the size as they get bigger.
- ☐ *Interactive Toys:* [Toys](#) can keep your kitten entertained and also add mental stimulation to help tire them out.
- ☐ *Grooming Tools:* The right [tools](#) depends on your kitten's breed and size so ask your veterinarian for recommendations.
- ☐ *Toothbrush and toothpaste:* Watch [this how-to video](#) on brushing your pet's teeth. We also love dental wipes which you can purchase at our hospital!

☐ Pet-Proof Your House

- ☐ *Electrical Cords:* Move electrical cords and breakables to higher ground.
- ☐ *Plants:* Block access to any house or garden plants that may be toxic to pets. Read [here](#) for a full list of toxic and non-toxic plants.

☐ Pet Insurance

- ☐ *Pet Insurance:* Make sure your pet is signed up for insurance to help cover the cost of any unexpected emergencies from kitten to senior age. Ask our staff about how to receive 10% off [Petplan](#) pet insurance!

Veterinary Approved Sources – AVMA.org, DVM360, ASPCA.org, AKC.org, and Amazon.com.