



Caring For Kittens

If you are caring for kittens, you'll need a few supplies to keep them happy and healthy.

For Kittens Under 4 Weeks Old

- **Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR):** Designed specifically for a kitten's nutrition and digestive needs – do not use cow's milk as it can cause harmful effects
- **Feeding Syringe and Bottles:** Kitten feeding syringes and bottles are designed to hold the right amount of KMR and fit in the kitten's mouth
- **Bottle Warmer:** A simple alternative is warming a mug of clean water in the microwave in 30 second intervals until warm (not hot), and then warming the bottle of milk in the water
- **Baby Wipes:** To stimulate elimination and help keep kitty clean
- **Box or Carrier, and Blankets and Towels:** To provide a small, secure area for kitty to feel safe and warm
- **Soft Bristle Tooth Brush:** To simulate mama's licking when comforting and cleaning the kitten
- **Wet Kitten Food:** When the kitten is around 4 weeks old you can begin transitioning them to wet kitten food mixed with KMR
- **Warmer:** A warm water bottle or [rice sock warmer](#) are great options

For Kittens 4 Weeks or Older

- **Collar and Identification:** An ID tag and microchip will help your kitten return home to you if he's ever lost
- **Food and Water Dishes:** Keep these in the same place every day so kitty knows where to find them
- **Cat Bed:** A comfortable, warm cat bed to snooze and feel safe
- **Cat Carrier:** To safely transport kitty to the vet
- **Scratch Post:** Cats naturally scratch objects for entertainment and to keep their nails short. A scratch post will encourage kitty to scratch in a good place rather than on your furniture
- **Kitten-Safe Toys:** Such as feathered teasers, balls, fabric mice and catnip