

Instructions for New Kitten Families

Congratulations on your new addition to the family! We strive to make sure each and every adoption is a resounding success. As such, we'd like to cover some quick tips to keeping your kitten/cat happy and healthy in these first few transitional weeks.

- Never allow a new cat free roam of your residence. Keep the animal isolated in a "safe room" with their litterbox and food, and only let them out when they can be supervised. This helps reduce hiding and encourages confidence. If you have other cats or animals, it allows the new family member to meet the current ones behind the safety of a door.
- When introducing new food, we recommend feeding them either Purina ProPlan (this is the food they have been eating if you adopted them at PetSmart) or a higher quality brand like NutroMax kitten (which they often eat in foster homes.) Kittens can have very soft stool (described as the consistency of soft serve ice cream) and there is nothing about that which should cause alarm. Cats can also develop diarrhea from stress of the new scenery change. If your cat seems lethargic from dehydration or will not eat for several days, please let us know so that we can best assist you.
- Maintain good habits with your new pet. Every single Life is Better Rescue cat has had their toenails trimmed – there is no reason to even consider declawing (which we frown upon) if you stay on top of this behavior. Grooming too should be started slowly but continuously to help maintain good habits and a great looking coat.
- If you have ANY concerns regarding your new family member, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We consider these animals as part of our extended family too, and want to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible.

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