

During your visit today, your kitten has had a thorough health check & we would have discussed any health problems with you. We look forward to continuing to assist you in the upbringing of your pet & are always, only too pleased to help with any queries, either in person or over the phone.

To help, we have enclosed a number of brochures with useful information & below is a short summary of the most important points to ensure a healthy & happy kitten.

VACCINATIONS - Your kitten has probably already received its first vaccination today. It is important that the booster vaccine is given 3-4 weeks later, otherwise full protection may not be achieved & the course may need to start again. Annual booster vaccinations are recommended to ensure optimum protection. The clinic will send you out a reminder for this. The vaccination schedule is listed below:



	Feline Enteritis	Snuffles	Chlamydia	*Feline Leukaemia
6 weeks	x	x	x	
9 weeks	x	x	x	x
12 weeks	x	x	x	x
Every Year	x	x	x	x

*Recommended under some circumstances. Consult your vet.

If you need to go away & board your cat in a cattery, they will need to see an up to date vaccination certificate.

Please remember, that until a week after the final vaccination is given at 12 weeks of age, your kitten is still potentially susceptible to contracting diseases such as cat flu. For this reason it is important to keep you kitten inside until the vaccination schedule is complete.

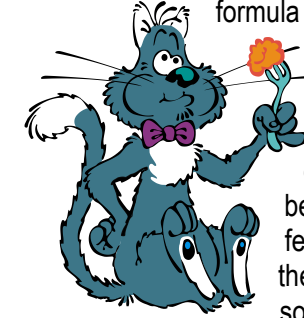
Your back yard may be in the territory of a neighbouring cat. Remember it takes a while for your kitten to establish a territory of its own, so don't leave it outside on its own to start with. Before you do let your kitten out have some form of identification, either a name tag or ideally a microchip.

FLEAS - There are a large number of flea treatments available. We have found **FRONTLINE PLUS, ADVANTAGE, ADVANTAGE MULTI, REVOLUTION** to be far superior to products such as flea collars & flea powders etc. All of these products can be easily applied with just a few drops on the back of the neck & are safe to use from a very young age.

The flea season can last from September to May in Auckland. As a single female flea can lay up to 1,000 eggs in 3 weeks, you can see how easily a flea problem can develop. For more details on flea control, see the enclosed brochures or ask our staff.



FOOD - The choice of cat food can be somewhat bewildering with the huge range available. We feel it is important to feed your cat a high quality food. A kitten formula should be fed to start with, changing to an adult formula at around one year of age.



We tend to recommend biscuits as the basis of the diet as this provides a significant benefit for dental health. It can be fed as the sole diet. However there is nothing wrong with adding some tinned food or fresh meat for variety. As kitten foods contain all the calcium kittens need for growth, milk provides no benefit over & above this & it is probably better to get them used to drinking water.

We have enclosed a sample of **Hills Feline Kitten** for you to try. This is an example of one of the premium range of pet foods. For further advice on feeding, our staff will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

DESEXING - While this is a personal decision, most people will have their cat neutered. For females it avoids unwanted pregnancy, while for males it can help to reduce aggression, roaming & other antisocial behaviour such as spraying. This surgery is usually performed at around 6 months of age & only requires a day stay in the hospital.



WORMING – We recommend that all kittens are wormed every 3-4 weeks until 6 months of age, then every 3-4 months as an adult. There are many different worming products on the market. When purchasing worming products, ensure that you use one that provides broad spectrum cover including round worm & tape worm.

We recommend **FELIX PASTE** or **DRONTAL CAT WORMER** as the most effective. These are both available from the clinic without a consultation. If you already have an adult pet at home, now is a good time to bring them up to date with their worming.

GROOMING – It is a good idea to start grooming your cat from the time you bring it home, particularly if it is long haired. This will get it used to it at a young age. Our staff would be happy to advise on the right sort of comb or brush for your kitten.

INSURANCE – With the advances in modern veterinary medicine & surgery available to help your pet in a crisis, we are recommending pet insurance as an excellent way of allowing you to make decisions for your pets health based on medical reasons rather than financial ones. Please see the enclosed brochure or ask the staff for more information on this subject.



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Microchipping A small microchip the size of a grain of rice is inserted under the skin where it can be read by a reader. This is generally a painless procedure and can be performed at the time of vaccination. This identification means should your cat go missing and is found, there is a foolproof way of reuniting them with you. We would recommend microchipping all cats.

All veterinary procedures are carried out by experienced veterinarians. The presence of students means we can provide a higher level of “hands on care”. As part of our commitment to you, UNITEC Veterinary Hospital is one of only a handful of New Zealand Veterinary Association best practice accredited clinics in Auckland.

**Our opening hours are
8:.00am – 6:00pm Monday – Friday**

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