

## **Preparing for Kitten to Come Home and Kitten Acclimation**

Transitioning to a new home and being away from their siblings and mom is stressful. Kittens can get confused and stressed in a new home. They may also be confused about where their litter box is. The kitten(s) need time to decompress and adjust. You should plan for at least a week to two weeks for this transition.

We recommend having a small room ready for them when you get the kitten(s) home so that they can safely acclimate and start their journey to feeling secure in their new home.

Keeping your new kitten confined in a small room (with non-clumping/pellet/paper litter, food, and water) to adjust to the new house, new noises, and new smells is very important for a smooth transition. This is especially important if there are other pets in the household. Confining them until they are adjusted provides safety and security while getting acquainted with their new home.

### **Some Common Questions We Have Been Asked**

- What should I do if I need help or have any questions when I get my kitten(s) home?

With each kitten that leaves our family, we happily provide lifetime support.

You are welcome to contact us at any time.

We encourage our clients to stay in touch over the years so that we can see how the kitten has developed as it grows up!

- What will come with my kitten?

With each of our kittens, you will receive their Health/Shot Record and Adoption Contract.

You will also receive samples of both dry and wet (pate) kitten food, a few of their favorite toys, as well as their kitten blanket.

However, a cat carrier is NOT provided, so we ask all new families to bring one when they pick up their kitten(s).

- What kind of litter should I use?

Pellet/paper/non-clumping litter is VITAL for the next few months while the kitten(s) adjust to their new environment.

We recommend using pellet/paper/non-clumping litter until the kitten(s) are at least 6 months old.

Health issues and even intestinal blockages can occur from a kitten that eats and swallows clumping clay litter.

- Can we/should we adopt more than one kitten?

Kittens who are alone may be lonely, unhappy, and unsocialized, all leading to maladaptive behaviors.

We welcome inquiries about adopting two kittens, either siblings or a second kitten later from a different litter.

We happily offer a discount on adopting two, as kittens learn valuable life lessons from their own species.