

# Bengal Spirit

## Kitten Care Information



**Before Your Kitten Arrives:** We suggest setting up his/her food, fresh water, and clean litter box in a room isolated from other pets. We recommend this "quarantine" period last about 2 weeks, each kitten is different so timeline is approximate. It is important that your kitten is given adequate time to settle in to his/her new home before introducing other household pets. After your kitten has become comfortable around you and your family, we recommend slowly introducing him/her to the household pets and other rooms. During this time your new kitten will learn where the litter box is, food and water and will likely have zero accidents. We find when the new baby is exposed to the entire space, accidents happen, eating habits start to change, and a pecking order & sometimes squabbles with other animals happen even without our knowledge. Please supervise all visits until you are certain your kitten is safe and comfortable.

**Feeding & Water Fountain for Your Kitten:** Your kitten is currently eating a variety of foods: Orijen and Merrick freeze dried raw dry kibble is always available for snacking anytime. Meals consist of all raw foods we build including additional vitamins, immune boosters, and supplements to ensure health and wellness. An all raw diet is best for your Bengal because their digestive tract is shorter than a regular domestic cat. This is because the Bengal breed is very close to the wild Asian Leopard Cat and has not evolved to consume the additives, preservatives, grains and vegetables added to commercial foods. We do not recommend feeding low-end commercial foods as cats are naturally carnivores and low-end foods can contain ingredients that are hard for them to digest. Your kitten is used to drinking out of a water fountain. We use them because Bengals are naturally attracted to water and like to put their paws in their water bowls for fun.

**Litter:** Your kitten is currently using Chewy's Fresco clump-able litter. We recommend one litter box per 2 cats placed in a quiet area. Your kitten's litter box is currently being scooped twice daily. Cats don't like using dirty litter boxes, so we recommend cleaning/scooping them at least once daily.

**Exercise:** We strongly recommend having plenty of toys readily available for your new kitten. Bengals are very active and require plenty of toys to "keep them out of trouble". We suggest investing in a cat tree for your new kitten. They are relatively inexpensive and last a very long time. Cat wheels are wonderful options to stimulate your Bengal. We use and recommend ZiggyDoo as they are quiet and safe.

**Safety:** Bengals are very intelligent, curious, and active cats. Listed below are some common safety hazards: We recommend keeping your Bengal out of the kitchen when cooking. Your kitten could burn his/her paw pads if he/she jumps onto the stovetop. Keep knives, scissors, and other sharp objects in drawers after each use. Keep your Bengal away from poisonous plants. Please do your research before bringing new plants into your home. Kittens can easily chew through wires (such as electrical cords) and possibly receive a life-threatening electrical shock. Place electrical outlet covers on all vacant outlets. Because Bengals are fascinated by water, keep all toilet lids down. Do not allow unsupervised play in the bathtub when it is full. Do not leave any sinks or deep wash buckets full of water without supervision.

**Please Share With Your Veterinarian:** Never vaccinate for FIP. Clavamox, Doxycycline & Baytril are ideal antibiotics for Bengals. Tell your vet do not use Ketamine.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: (309) 287-3695