



KITTEN PREP CHECK-LIST

Research

- ☐ Research breed traits and decide which breed or type of breed will suit.
- ☐ Decide on breeder vs rescue organisation.
- ☐ If breeder - find a reputable one and check their credentials / reviews.
- ☐ Decide whether your cat will be indoor-only, indoor/outdoor, or have a catio.

Gear

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| ☐ Cat carrier | ☐ Kitten food | ☐ Clicker |
| ☐ Litter trays (at least 2) | ☐ Training treats | ☐ Breakaway collar & ID tag |
| ☐ Kitty litter and scoop | ☐ Toys (wand, balls, puzzle) | ☐ Harness (if lead training) |
| ☐ Bed, bedding and hidey spot | ☐ Food & water bowls | ☐ Scratching post or pad |
| ☐ Cleaning supplies | ☐ Cat tree or climbing shelves | ☐ Grooming tools |

To-do list

- ☐ Kitten proof the house: pack away breakables, and anything a kitten could swallow or chew, like string, hair ties, elastic bands, cords, medication and human foods. Remove toxic plants, especially lilies. Secure rubbish bins and toilet lids. Block gaps behind appliances and furniture.
- ☐ Set up a quiet base room with bed, toys, perches, litter tray, hiding spot, food and water bowls. Litter tray should be well away from food bowls.
- ☐ Kitten proof the garden, remove toxic plants.
- ☐ Consider installing a cat flap or catio, and cat-proof fencing.
- ☐ Assign roles in the kitten's care: who will feed it, clean the litter, and play and train.
- ☐ Prep children or other pets for the kitten's arrival. Arrange time off work for the first few days at home.
- ☐ Choose a vet, and plan vaccinations, microchipping and desexing.
- ☐ Sign up for 6 weeks free pet insurance with Southern Cross Pet Insurance.

Accidents can happen at any time, so ensure your precious new kitten is protected from Day 1. Southern Cross Pet Insurance's FreeCover gives six weeks of free insurance cover to kittens aged 6–26 weeks, for peace of mind in those busy early weeks.

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