

Your New Kitten

Here are some key points to help you in the first months of your new kitten time in your home.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are important to protect against potentially fatal diseases. They start any time from 9 weeks old. Two sets of injections are needed three weeks apart; your kitten will not be fully covered until 5 days after the second vaccination.

Worming

Advised every 2 weeks until a kitten is 12 weeks old then every month until 6 months old after this an adult routine of every 2 –3 months is advised.

Microchipping

This is a system where by a small electronic chip the same size as a grain of rice is inserted under the skin. If you cat is ever lost all dog wardens, vets and rescue centres can scan the chip and trace the owners directly. It is cheap and does not need any sedation. Microchips can be inserted at any age but most people like to have it done at the time of the second vaccination.

Neutering.

Cat– it is advisable to spay cats to prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduce calling during seasons and prevent pyometra's (infected uterus) developing. Can be booked in any time from 6 months old.

Tom– It is advisable to castrate as it reduces the smell associated with tom cat's may help to prevent fighting and stops testicular cancer. Can be booked in any time from 6 months old.

