

-Bluedreamer Ragdolls-

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Home Instructions:

_ **VET CHECK** preferably completed within 72 hours. (Take pet folder with you!)

_ 2nd 3rd dose **FVRCP (modified-live)** due 3-4 weeks after last vaccine (see health record). Do not allow Rabies until 6 months or any other vaccine-JUST FVRCP due to Ragdoll Breed Sensitivity. Do not recommend combination FVRCP + Rabies.

_ **REGISTER MICROCHIP** today (especially important!) If lost, the call will not come to you, and maybe not to anyone at all. www.akcreunite.org

_ If desired, **REGISTER** kitten with registration paper provided by breeder online or by mail.
<https://tfms.tica.org/s/>

_ **PARASITE CONTROL:** Kitten needs next dose of Revolution (NOT PLUS), Senegy or other equivalent product containing Selamectin 30 days after the date listed in the health record, Available through Veterinarians. We use Revolution monthly (Senegy or Stronghold are generic).

*In line with FDA recommendations, do not give permethrin-containing products or isoxazoline-based products (Bravecto Topical Solution (Fluralaner), Bravecto Plus (fluralaner/moxidectin) topical solution for cats, Credelio tablets for dogs/cats, Nexgard Combo topical Solution for cats or Revolution PLUS. Giving these products will void the health warranty in the contract, <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/animal-health-literacy/fact-sheet-pet-owners-and-veterinarians-about-potential-adverse-events-associated-isoxazoline-flea>

Recommended Conservative Vaccination Protocol

Please collaborate with your vet and discuss using a conservative vaccination protocol for Ragdolls, due to breed sensitivities. You and your vet can make the best decision regarding your kitten/cat and your specific exposure risk. These are our recommendations for Ragdolls. More information may be found here:

<https://animalwellnessmagazine.com/update-vaccines-titer-testing-dogs-cats/>

-Ragdolls should not be outdoor cats. **Rabies** is due after 6 months of age, separated from other vaccines by 10+ days (not before and not combined into another vaccination); strong reactions have occurred.

-Due to a known Ragdoll sensitivity, we DO NOT recommend the **FELV vaccine for Feline Leukemia, FIP, or FIV vaccines**. If given, we are not responsible for side effects or any health condition resulting from it.

-We only recommend **one vaccine per visit** to protect due to the connection between multiple vaccines and autoimmune diseases in cats. We are not responsible for side effects resulting from multiple vaccines given within a 2-week window.

Product List: This list includes things we love for Ragdolls. Food, treats, combs, beds etc.! Before ordering food, check in with me to make sure we are using Orijen Kitten, Royal Canin Sensible and the wet foods on this list. For litter, only purchase Cat Attract at first. I wait quite a while before changing to a less scented kitten litter to make sure they are 100% successful. Even though I have several types of litter at home, kittens are drawn to the Cat Attract and the Boxie Cat Bot (for litter robots.) Please purchase A Ragdoll CareGuide by Jenny Dean, The eBook version is \$4.99. It gives more extensive instructions on how to acclimate and care for your kitten.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ALFYX6R5JGSG?ref=wl_share

Feeding 101:

We freely feed our adult cats because they control their own portions. Kittens are different. Ragdoll kitten tummies are sensitive at first, but they outgrow this phase!

In our home, kittens eat 4 times daily: 2 meals dry food. 2 meals wet food. In your home, your exact time schedule will be different than mine. When kittens are little, I feed them frequently to avoid blood sugar drops and to allow their tummies time to rest between meals. Adult cats can nibble all day without effect.

What Do I Buy? See Recommended Kitten Product List <https://www.kansascityragdolls.net/kitten-families-home-page.html>

for dry and wet food. Kittens need to eat what we are feeding exclusively for the first 6 months, as Ragdolls may have diet change sensitivity.

Dry Food Instructions: Please text me and ask what I am feeding before purchasing. Some litters have unique needs; In most cases we feed Orijen Kitten, but there are times we use Royal Canin Sensible or another brand.

Why do I prefer Orijen? **The reason I feed Orijen Kitten is the first ingredients are chicken turkey, salmon, whole herring, chicken liver, dehydrated chicken, dehydrated turkey, dehydrated herring, dehydrated chicken liver, dehydrated egg. I've not found another food to match it!**

Please feed the amount according to age/weight on the bag and adjust the amount as kitten grows.

How do I feed my kitten: For kittens I feed 2 dry food meals/day for kittens and leave the plate down for 10 minutes, then pick it up. We will discuss wet food in that section,

A Sample schedule (create your own with your work/activity schedule)

7 am- Wet food with 2 TBS extra water (pick up and throw away the uneaten portion after 30 min) to avoid bacterial contamination)

11 am - Dry food (leave plate down for 10 min)

4 pm- Wet food

7 pm- Dry food

Another Schedule:

6 am Wet food

11 am Dry food with auto feeder (alternatively leave dry food out while you are gone)

4 pm Dry food with auto feeder

8 pm Wet food

What If I work, and cannot do that? Remember feeding multiple meals a day is temporary. Feed Wet before you leave and when you get home. Leave dry food out while you are out or consider purchasing an auto pet feeder. Monitor how much is eaten and go from there. Text me if you have questions,

My Kitten has Smelly Poo: If the kitten is overeating, you will notice that poo is softer, smelly, and lighter in color. Kittens should be free to eat as they desire, but you may have to cut back if poos tell you they are overdoing it. Feed them the daily amount recommended for their weight and age,

If that does not work and poos are soft and smelly switch food to **Royal Canin Sensible** as an alternative food until the age of 9 months. Why do I recommend this food ? Some kittens do better with less fat.

Most kitten foods are much too high in fat for them. Did you know kittens are born with only 1 enzyme for digestion? They simply cannot easily process fatty food. I have tried so many foods. With Sensible, kittens can eat more without tummy upset. I spent a fortune having the vet evaluate the kittens' poo (it never evaluated positive for anything.) I have not had any more trouble after making the switch to **Sensible**. But...Royal Canin is not a great food beyond the kitten stage. The ingredients are not the best. Rest assured, this is temporary,

Kittens need progressively more food during the rapid growth phase (up to 9 months).

I recommend printing the label off the pet food bag or marking the calendar, so you do not forget to increase the amount (if you are feeding dry food in measured portions). Once I knew a sweet young man who got a puppy. He fed the pup the 8-week amount throughout the first year bc he forgot to increase the amount as she grew!

Adult Food: When kittens are 9 months and their tummies are much more robust, I use **Orijen Original Cat** When looking for food, the first 3 ingredients should be real meat. (not by-products or grains). Make sure to change food slowly.

I do not like dry food. We have many cats here, so much of how we feed is a matter of convenience, but we do also feed wet food twice a day, give fresh water daily, use water fountains, keep my tub faucet on a slow drip, and add extra water to wet food. Cats naturally live their lives in a semi-dehydrated state. Strictly outdoor cats depend on mice and other small game for hydration. If you want your cat to live a long life, protect their kidneys first. Water is SUPER IMPORTANT!

How to change foods: If something happens and you must change brands for some reason, slowly (over the course of 10 days), mix 25% new brand in with the old brand (75%) for 3 days. Then increase to 50/50 for 3 days, then 75/25 for 3 days, then 100% new. If soft stools develop, back up to the former mixture for 3 days and then increase. It's not the best idea to feed a different dry food with a higher fat content. We have seen occasional digestive issues develop with high-fat foods.

WET FOOD

Wet Food Instructions: Your kitten is eating ½ of a 3 oz can daily, divided into 2 meals with 2 TBS warm water for hydration. Please gradually increase as the kitten grows to a whole 3 oz can daily, divided into 2 meals by 7 months of age, Your kitten is eating the food listed on our Kitten Families page on our website. Adult cats can usually eat a 5.5oz can daily.

- Feeding wet food twice daily will save you money overall. It promotes good kidney health, silky coats, prevents crystals from forming (a major cause of urine blockages), and so much more. Don't skimp on the wet food. Yes, it does cost more and requires more from you, but dry food really isn't good for cats. It's just a convenience for

people. The packets provide more moisture, but adding warm water to canned food is just as good. Serve wet food twice daily; Consistency is important to kitty, as he/she will start to anticipate a certain time of day and will let you know if your timing is off! If you add a little extra water to it, they will take in more fluids, essential for future long-term kidney health.

-I offer wet food every morning and evening. I do not feed at an exact, specific time. Your kitten has eaten mostly chicken varieties in both dry and wet food. Please introduce other proteins gradually.

What Do I Buy? See the Recommended Kitten Product List for Wet food. The kitten needs to eat what we are feeding exclusively for the first month.

We start with chicken. We recommend other poultry next – first starting with Turkey, then other types of fowl such as Duck or Quail, followed by Beef, then Fish/Seafood. Feed ONE new protein for 5 days in a row. Watch for stool changes in the litterbox, redness, itching anywhere on the body before proceeding with a different protein. Stop feeding that protein if kitten develops a food reaction.

What Brands are Good? I favor limited ingredient brands & grain free with meat (not by-products) only Wet Cat Food Diet Changes: When you are ready to try another type of protein (other than in the first 2-3 ingredients. Tikicat, Weruva, Reveal, Dr Elsey's, and even Fancy Feast are some of my favorites. Adult cats usually prefer a variety of flavors, but some can be finicky.

Raw Food (Wait until kitten is one year old or older) It's great to supplement nutrition with extra protein, which builds bone in growing kittens. I love ❤️ supplementing with frozen or dehydrated foods available at any retailer. I prefer dehydrated bc I do not like handling raw. Start with a small amount and gradually increase. I do not recommend feeding a completely raw diet. I know several breeders who have done this and aren't doing it anymore.

Never feed a cat: dairy, onions, chocolate, alcohol, raisins, grapes, currants, caffeine, raw eggs, or bones.

Bringing Kitten Home 101:

Getting Settled:

Kittens feel more comfortable in a new home when they have something near them that smells like their old home, so we have included a small blanket that smells like your kitten and his/her siblings. Place the blanket in the carrier for the ride home and leave it in the carrier for your new pet to sleep on the first few days. If you place a new bed in the carrier, be sure to place the blanket inside the bed.

When you bring your new cat/kitten home, put their food, water, toys, scratching post, and litter box in a quiet room you can close off, such as a spare bedroom or bathroom. If your kitten is shy, fearful, or if you have other cats in your home, the use of the product Feliway (Amazon.com) may be helpful. Feliway was designed to help reduce anxiety in cats. It contains pheromones from the cat's face, used to communicate feelings of well-being. You may wish to spray Feliway in the cat's new room, in the cat carrier before and after you pick up the cat, and around the house, if you have other cats. Limit soft bedding in the kitten's area to one kitten bed. Once they have found the litter box and are consistent for a few days you can add in other soft things.

Kittens will get into things that can hurt them. Pick up hair ties, small objects, tiny rocks in flowerpots, tiny Lego blocks. Not all will chew on cords or headphones, but some will. Hang up blind cords so kitten cannot reach. Best to not use collars with dangling id tags- these can get caught in floor vents.

Do consider purchasing a small wearable carrier as kitten gets used to you and your home. This will help acclimate them while enabling them to be close to you.

Please study the 3 3 3 rule <https://lifeandcats.com/3-3-3-rule-for-cats/>

It takes a kitten 3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to show personality and learn routines, and 3 months to feel they are at home, safe and secure with you.

Introducing Kitten to your home and family:

This is critical and not a process to hurry along. People sometimes do not take this seriously. The kitten must always feel safe and not threatened. Behavior issues can occur if this is rushed. Even more-so if another cat is in the home.

Cats need to become thoroughly familiar with new surroundings before they feel comfortable. An entire apartment or house is frightening all at once. Many cats will hide under beds or furniture, sometimes for days. It will be much less stressful for your cat to learn about you, your family, and your home a little at a time. This is even more important if there are multiple people and/or pets in your household.

When you bring your cat home, place him in the room you have fixed up for him, keep this room closed off, and let him explore that area first. Let the cat come out of his crate on his own; do not try to coax him or tip the crate to force him out. Cats are curious, and most will soon come out to explore their surroundings. Leave the crate or carrier in the room with the door open to allow the kitten to go back in if desired. If the cat seems very timid, you can leave the room for a while and check back later. If you really want to stay in the room, get a book and read, use your laptop. Have some toys or treats nearby. When the cat is ready to come out, stay where you are and let him come to you. Talk in a soft, reassuring tone, pet him if he seems interested, but do not try to pick him up. Let the kitten do the approaching. Give him time to learn that he can trust you.

Introduce other family members slowly and quietly, one at a time to pet and play with the kitten. Have younger children sit down and then show them how to gently stroke the cat's fur and offer him a few treats. Slow, gentle, and quiet is always best. Have the child sitting on the floor with you to interact, so the kitten does not fall. Any holding should be on the floor with you next to the child. Make certain that children understand that they are never to chase, scare, or roughhouse excessively with the kitten. They should learn not to bother the kitten while he eats, sleeps, or uses the litter box to help make a good transition. If there are no other pets, you can let the cat begin to explore the rest of the house in a few days. BUT make this the kitten's PRIMARY home for the first TWO WEEKS.

Behavior:

What you teach right from the start tends to stick. Some kittens seem to be more food-smell-crazed than others. Don't leave people food unattended.

Is your kitty doing something weird, naughty or puzzling? There is an incredible wealth of information on this website, Facebook blog, etc., everything from litterbox issues to scratching to recommended cat products. I recently met Jenny, and she is amazing! <https://www.floppycats.com/>

Poisonous plants: https://www.petmd.com/cat/emergency/poisoning-toxicity/e_ct_poisonous_plants

Other Guidelines: I

We strongly encourage your Ragdoll kitten to be an indoor kitten. Ragdolls are unable to protect themselves outside and are known to approach other animals without concern. Outside cats may also bring disease inside. Our Ragdolls reside strictly indoors. Our health warranty does not cover conditions acquired from outdoor exposure. If you choose to take him/her outdoors use a harness or a stroller to keep them safe,

Declawing is not permitted. Plan to provide a variety of scratchers with dried catnip sprinkled on to encourage the right places in your home to scratch. We have both sisal rope and cardboard scratchers sprinkled with catnip in multiple areas of our home. With this method, we have not had adult cats or kittens scratching the furniture.

Litter 101:

See Recommended Product List for which litter to purchase. Keep kitten litter the same for one month before changing brands.

Your kitten has been trained to use large/small, covered, uncovered, shallow/deep litter boxes, as well as the Litter Robot 3! We begin litter training at 4 weeks of age. As they show success, we enlarge their play space. By 8 weeks, they have free run of the main part of our home and are completely litter box trained. When they transition to your home, everything is new. They will need to learn where the litter box is located. It is important they begin life with you in a small space such as a bedroom or bathroom.

Which type cat litter after the first month? After a few months and the kitten knows where the litter box is, it is ok to change brands. Your kitten has already experienced a variety of cat litter in our home, including Tofu litter, BoxieCat PRO (for a Litter Robot), Dr Elsey's Cat Attract, and wood-based pellet litter. **My favorite litter:** Catit Pea Husk Litter (available on Amazon and www.Catit.com). I recommend at least trying it after kitten has used Cat Attract for a few months. This is a great litter, but does not work in automatic litter boxes, If your kitten is resistant to litter change, see instructions below .

Changing Cat Litter Type/Brand: If you decide to change cat litter brands and your kitten/cat isn't digging the changeover (some cats don't). place 2 boxes side by side, one with the old brand, and the other with the new. Allow the box with the old brand to get dirty and do not scoop it much. Keep the box with the new brand clean. The kitty will start avoiding the dirty litterbox, and will start using the new, clean box. Eventually, remove the old box, only leaving the one with the new litter. Just be patient with any type of transition, read product reviews, etc. If you end up moving the box, move it only a few feet each day to the new location, or kitty may get confused and potty where the box used to be! It's nice to have two. Scoop daily, even twice...kitties like clean boxes!

Which type of Litter Box is Best for Ragdolls? Cats can be finicky. Some like open containers, some don't mind a lid, some like larger boxes. Some get weird about cat boxes with a top (especially if they are ambushed by another cat or dog).Your kitten has used open litter boxes (no top) and the Litter Robot and 4, and a lidded litter box with an open doorway (no flap)

Ragdolls are larger cats , so I would recommend larger-sized litter boxes. (If you get one with a lid, you might also have an open one in another location.)

What about dogs? If you have a problem like we did—UGH! Dogs getting into the cat box, you can purchase a large, clear Rubbermaid type box with a lid, cut a hole in the top of the lid, and it's a pretty dog proof litter box. Just make sure kitty has a way to jump on top so she can climb inside. I have also seen people cut a hole in the side of the Rubbermaid box (instead of the top) and position the box near a wall- small enough for kitty to get in and out, but too small for the dog to access! We have also used a cat box with a lid and positioned the opening near a corner—big enough to let a cat in, but not most dogs!

-Best urine odor remover for washable fabric is Oxyclean Odor Blaster or My PET PEED. Soak the item for 12-24 hours and hand wash or launder. I hope you never need to use it. -We breeders, do at times