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Kitten Care Guide

Kitten Development Timeline

1 day to 2 weeks	eyes still closed
1 day to 4 weeks	not able to eliminate on their own
2 to 3 weeks	eyes completely open
3 weeks	teeth begin to erupt
4 weeks	begin to eat solid food
6 to 7 weeks	all primary teeth have appeared
8 weeks	fully weaned, litter trained

Kitten Feeding Protocol

1 day to 2 weeks	Feed kitten replacement milk warmed to body temperature every 4 hours. Kittens may lap up the milk. If they will not lap up the milk, bottle feed. Massage anus with warm water and gauze to create bowel movement every 4 hours
3 weeks	Start mixing high-quality canned cat food in with replacement milk. Feed every 6 hours.
6 weeks	Should be on canned food and milk entirely. Feed every 8 hours.

Kitten Medical Protocol

3 weeks	deworm
6 weeks	2nd deworm, physical exam, 1st RTC/Dist vaccine
9 weeks	physical exam, 1st leukemia vaccine
12 weeks	physical exam, 2nd RTC/Dist vaccine, 2nd leukemia vaccine, rabies vaccine
15 months	physical exam, worm check, RTC/Dist vaccine, leukemia vaccine, rabies booster

Kitten Weight Chart

at birth	3.0 to 3.7 oz.
3 to 4 weeks	11.7 to 15 oz.
8 weeks	1.7 to 2.0 lbs.