

Useful Items for your New Kitten

1. Your kitten is currently on _____. I am providing you will some of their current food.
2. Always make sure your kitten has access to **fresh water**. I use a fountain style drinking system. Ragdolls like moving water and entices your kitten to drink plenty of water, which helps to maintain the urinary system.
3. All of our kittens are taught by their mother, and therefore know how to use a **scratching post**. In addition, they like to climb on **cat trees**. This will eliminate the need to declaw your kitten. I also trim their nails as needed with clippers. Due to the laid back nature of the breed, Ragdolls rarely use their claws. I do not recommend you declaw your new kitten/cat in case, God forbid, he/she were to get outside, he/she would need to defend itself. We recommend you do your research on the procedure and effects of declawing your kitten/cat. It may just change your prospective on the procedure. If you are bound and determined to declaw your new pet, we would prefer you to use the laser technique, as it is more humane.
4. The litter that your kitten is current using is _____. I do recommend a large sized litter box.
5. We recommend a **soft slicker brush AS WELL as a comb**. The comb is important, since the brush only takes care of the top of their coat, the comb is needed to get down to the skin to prevent matting. When bathing your kitten/cat, any kitten/cat shampoo will do, also make sure all of the shampoo is rinsed out of the animal before they are dried off. You can also have your new kitten/cat professionally groomed. This will help with hairballs and shedding. **Your kitten is groomed at 12 weeks of age. Although Ragdolls shed less than other breeds, they do in fact shed. Regular baths, along with regular brushing, will greatly reduce shedding.**
6. **A cat collar with a bell and name tag with your number is recommended. Be sure to purchase a CAT collar as they have a break away feature in case your cat were to get caught up on something.**
7. A **pet carrier** for visiting the vet and the groomer is recommended.
8. While you kitten is in my care, they are born in a private room. At 9 weeks of age, they come out of the private room and into a larger area where they are socialized with the public. They interact with our personal dogs, cats, and birds. This way I feel they will be ready for different types of animals that their forever homes might have or acquire.
9. **Keeping the kittens till at least 12 weeks** is crucial to their mental, emotional, and behavioral development. Separating the kitten from mother and siblings, and familiar surroundings at an early age can cause undue anxiety and stress at the least.
10. **Toys** are completely up to you. Balls are always a huge hit. Try different toys to see what he/she likes. I do send the kitten home with a toy and a blanket. This has a familiar scent to comfort them if needed.