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With food and Litter, it is advisable to use the same brand/flavor that they are raised on and if you decided to transition to another brand and or / flavor to follow the directions on the back of the label of the new product that you want to transition then to.

**FOOD:**

We highly recommend the “raw food diet”. We know that this is the best for the kitten. Cats are obligate Carnivores what does that mean? Meaning that they need meat to survive, cats don’t do well on a vegan diet it essentially comes down to they are adapted for it.

We currently feed all our cats and kittens on raw and tiki cat wet food. Due to the understanding of not all people can make, or willing to work with raw food. Our Kittens will come with 1 week supply of food. (Currently eating all tiki cat 10oz cans, for a variety of flavors.)

 This is so that it doesn’t upset their stomachs and allows time for them to adjust to their new home and families. It can be too much on their immune systems with too many changes if made too quickly.

Cats do not process carbs being obligate carnivores. They do not have the enzymes to break these products down. This an make their systems work much harder and in turn reduce their immune system. Majority of their water intake comes from their food, when eating dry food, they are not getting enough water and in turn can create health issues long term.

**Places to order pre-made raw food:**

VivaRaw [www.vivarawpets.com](http://www.vivarawpets.com)

Darwin’s Natural pet food – [www.darwinspet.com](http://www.darwinspet.com)

Freeze dried options for easy store & Travel:

Complete freeze-dried meals & treats: [www.wildsidesfresh.com](http://www.wildsidesfresh.com)

Raw Food/Treats [www.rawvibespetfood.com](http://www.rawvibespetfood.com)

Raw treats: [www.wilspursuitpettreats.com](http://www.wilspursuitpettreats.com) (can be used as a treat or add water to rehydrate as a meal

If you decided to continue this route of feeding raw and consider making your own, I would be happy to share additional resources. Just send me a message.

If you are not able to continue doing raw, we do recommend at least 70% high quality wet food be given.

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**Wet Food Options:**

Tiki Cat

Royal Canin – Kitten

Wellness Complete Health Kitten Formula Grain-Free

Instinct Kitten Grain-Free Pate Real Chicken

Also highly recommend:

L-Lysine Cat Chews – Kittens can catch a cold and make their eyes itchy and watery and at times swollen typically until 4-6 months of age as they build their immunity. We use L-Lysine and put it in their food.

**Litter:**

We use bedding Pellets at Tractor Supply its only $7 for a large bag.

 Similar cat litter:

Tidy cats litter pellets $10

Even Wood Pellets would also work (its cheap) but If you burn and have wood pallets in your home, this could also cause a problem, they will probably use those bags as litter since the smell is the same.

Our Kittens are litter box trained when they leave out home. We use open litter boxes in our home. Having no covers helps these little ones feel sage while they go to the bathroom. If you prefer to use a closed litter box, we suggest starting with an open box, and slowly transition them to a closed box. (if you start with a closed box that they are not familiar with you may have accidents outside the box)

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**Poisonous Plants:** Some household plants can be poisonous for cats. **Please make sure if you have plants in the home that you research if they will be safe to have around your new kitten/cat.** Here is a list of some that we are aware of **(do not assume this is a complete list, please double check on any that you have or want to get before having them around your kitten/cat.)**

* Aloe vera
* Amaryllis
* Autumn Crocus
* Azalea/Rhododendron
* Begonia
* Bird of Paradise
* Branching Ivy
* Caladium
* Caster Bean
* Chrysanthemum (mums)
* Corn stock Plant
* Cyclamen
* English Ivy (Hedera helix)
* Fig Tree
* Golden Birds Nest
* Jade Plants (crassula)
* Kalanchoe
* Lilies
* Monstera Deliciosa
* Oleander
* Peace Lily
* Pothos (Epipremnum Aureum)
* Sago Palm (Cycas Recoluta)
* Schefflera
* Snake Plants (Sansevieria Trifasiata)
* Tulips/Narcissus Bulbs

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**Bringing Home your new Kitten**

The first two (2) weeks after transitioning into their new furever homes can be the most stressful on our babies. We recommend starting them out in a small environment (1-2 rooms) isolated from other pets (with access to water, food, and litter box) for the first two weeks and slowly expanding them to larger areas and slowly introduce them to other pets in the home until they are comfortable and used to their new environment.

It can be normal for them to not eat for the first 2-3 days as their stress levels are high. Always make sure your kitten has access to food & Water. If they don’t start to eat after 3 days check with your vet.

**Feeding Schedule:** We don’t limit the amount our kittens eat and feed 4 times a day usually 3-5% of their body weight in food.

Usually, ½ can of Tiki cat twice a day. (2 cans) If they are at fully up to eating ☺

**What To have When you pick up/at home**

**Upon Pick up or delivery we will Provide:**

* Current Food (1 weeks worth)
* A Bag of litter
* Collar
* Harness / Leash
* Care Package (toys) & Blanket that smells like siblings & Mom
* Folder with all the paperwork

**What you need when picking up your kitten:**

* ID / Drivers License
* Pet Carrier –
* Bowl for water (depending on the distance of your drive)
* Payment of the remaining balance due! Cash only

**Essentials to have at home when the day of getting the kitten:**

* Litter Box (open Box is recommended)

**Optional/Great additions:**

* Scratching post
* Interactive cat Toys
* Wand toys
* Cat tree with hammocks
* Soft blankets like Fleece ones
* Catnip
* Water Fountain – we highly recommend these!
* Cat Wheel Highly recommend “Ziggy Doo” brand [www.ziggydoo.com](http://www.ziggydoo.com)
* Litter Robot