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Dear New Family

My name is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ I am very easy to look after, as the most important thing to me is love and cuddles.

I have been reared on, and am still eating fresh meat, chicken wings cut at the joints or other meat cut into small chunks or minced with the bone in purchased from a company called www.purrform.co.uk this is a complete food. You can feed me on rabbit or chicken with the bone in, and/or beef, lamb, chicken, rabbit or turkey in chunks, NOT Pork. There is a recipe below if you want to prepare my meals yourself, although sometimes I have moved on from the minced food. If you buy in, mince it yourself or get the butcher to do the mincing please ensure it is the freshest meat and add some of the supplements, this will ensure that I am getting all my necessary vitamins and minerals, especially if I do not eat dried food. My breeder has offered me a variety of good quality complete cat/kitten wet foods that contain a high proportion of meat/fish and no grain i.e. Cosma Original Tuna, Feringa Menu kitten, Thrive Kitten. I have also sampled more commercial varieties such as “Felix as Good as it Looks kitten” & Royal Canin Kitten Instinctive which are reasonably appetising, but my digestive system is better suited to a raw meat diet, or cooked chicken/fish. If feeding me cooked chicken please ensure that all bones and skin are removed as cooked bones are brittle and can perforate my internal organs. Also on the menu is homemade boiled/pressure cooked chicken that has been separated from the bone and skin, with added supplements, (Taurine, Vionate & calcium), the juices are particularly delicious as they set into a jelly. I will eat some kitten biscuits and my mum has let me try different ones but my favourites are James Wellbeloved Kitten Turkey; Royal Canin kitten; Babycat & Digestive Health; Proplan kitten; & Arden Grange Kitten ; Burgess kitten; don't forget to claim/use the FREE vouchers & discounts. In your kitten pack. I will eat up to four wet meals a day until I am six months old and then three meals a day; down to two meals a day when I am 1 year old. I like small meals often as I only have a small stomach and my favourite time for eating is through the night so please make sure I have a nightcap, and that biscuits/kibble are freely available at all times. I will go through a number of growth spurts and when this happens I need to eat and eat. **You cannot over feed me.** To keep my teeth healthy it is good for me to continue to have raw chicken wings or raw bone in chunks/portions chicken, rabbit or Turkey, I am actually very partial to these and not just for Sunday lunch, other treats include poached white fish. At present I eat approx. one tablespoon of minced fresh meat at each meal, but if I leave some, I am not given so much next time, equally if I devour it rapidly I would like some more. I do like a little variety as it makes mealtimes more interesting. I have never been very partial to kitten milk, except from mum of course, preferring to have fresh water, preferably filtered as sometimes tap water smells of chlorine and fluoride. Cows milk is a definite **no-no** as it will upset my digestive system. Feeding bowls are best constructed of ceramic, melamine, glass or stainless steel as the plastic ones release chemicals over a period of time and this does not smell very nice, I may also develop an allergic reaction in the form of a rash under my chin. An excellent website offering information on the benefits of feeding me raw meat along with recipes etc. is: www.feline-nutrition.org

Please can I have somewhere warm to sleep and to snuggle into. When I first leave my brothers & sisters I will need a hot-water bottle, heat pad or radiator to help keep me warm and help me settle into my new home. Of course if you are happy for me to share your bed then I can be your hot-water bottle. You can get some really nice radiator beds etc. from www.cleopet.co.uk. Of course I have been very spoilt and have been allowed to sleep wherever I choose. It is best if you restrict me to one room for the first day or so, especially if there are other animals or small children who need to get used to me, but as I get more confident, I will want to explore my new home and get to know everyone. I can use a litter tray, even the private box ones with a flap on, but please lift and fold back the flap, as it can get rather claustrophobic and smelly if left down. I am very clean, and the deep pan litter trays are best as I enjoy a good scratch about; the best ones are manufactured by Van Ness and are available from www.kennelgate.co.uk. and sometimes from “Jolleys” Pet Food stores. Please show me where the litter tray is as soon as I arrive especially if I have had a long journey and because I may be too nervous to ask. I have had several different types of bio-degradable litter, so I won't be difficult, but I do find that the recycled paper pellets (Breeder Select; Fresh-news or Yesterdays news) available from www.crystalclearpet.com or www.petplanet.co.uk, and Oko Plus “Cats Best” – www.zooplus.co.uk or www.bitiba.co.uk are often the cheapest and stock the large 40 litre bags which will last me months. I have been very well trained. I have not been allowed to venture into the big wide world outside yet but it is my nature to climb and to hunt, so please provide me with a nice carpet/ rope scratching post to keep my nails in good order. I am very inquisitive so please check the washing machine and dishwasher before closing the door, also any other cupboards that I may have access to as I love to explore. Because of my adventurous and inquisitive nature I am best suited to being an “indoor-only” cat unless you have a very secure garden or a purpose built outdoor run.

I have had my two injections for my primary course (**PUREVAX RCP FeLV**). Which covers me for FIE (Feline Infectious enteritis); **Cat Flu** – two types **FHV-1** Herpesvirus) & **FCV** (Feline calicivirus); FeLV (Feline Leukaemia)

When my booster is due my breeder recommends **PUREVAX RCP FeLV** (a partially dead vaccine), **you may need to contact your vet to ask him to order in this vaccine or equivalent.** My breeder **does not recommend** the Norbivac Tricat (live) vaccine, which is the usual one in stock at Vets, this can have serious side affects. I have had two/three lots of worming already and my breeder recommends further worming at 6 months, thereafter it is dependent upon how much time I will be spending outdoors, but usually every three months. The type of wormer last used is noted on my Sales Contract, it is advisable to vary the wormers for optimal efficiency. Although I do not have fleas I may have received a suitable flea prevention to safeguard me. I will need another application in approx. 3 months. I have been micro-chipped and my breeder has enclosed/or will deal with the transfer form. My registration certificate will be forwarded once my breeder has confirmation of my neutering. I am eligible for showing at Cat Shows from the age of 14 weeks (please ask my breeder for any possible class restrictions; cat shows are a good place to buy all sorts of items for me at a cheaper price than the shops. I also have four weeks free pet insurance. If you are interested in my breed then you may wish to join a Tonkinese Breed Club, my Breeder is a member of several and there are links from the website.

I will try to be good, but I come from a very inquisitive and active breed and we do like to know what is going on, especially in the places that you don't think I should be, but the best way to stop me being naughty is to cuddle and play with me. I am used to having lots of attention and companionship and will happily snuggle into your lap once I have got used to you. My breed mum is always available for help and advice if you need it, and would also like to know how I am getting on, so please can we keep in touch? If you send some feedback and a picture of me then my breeder will post this on the web site.

I want to be your very best friend and new baby.

FOR RAW FOOD

Chickens can be minced up at some butchers; they will usually do this at the end of the day before cleaning their machines if they don't keep a special mincer/grinder for pet food. I am currently purchasing my minced chicken through www.daf-petfood.co.uk, they do deliveries and the packs come in a handy size (14 x 1lb packs to a box). Initially all my kittens are reared on minced chicken supplied by www.purrform.co.uk

If you choose to mince the meat yourself and your cat/kitten is not eating any good quality balanced dry food, then you will need to **add the supplements** before freezing. I find it is often best to purchase packs of frozen chicken portions, particularly thighs, mince them when they are semi thawed, add the supplements and then refreeze. Not all fresh chickens are fresh. Chopped up small pieces of turkey thigh or chicken is also good when fed with commercial pet foods. Cats like to rip and chew meat. **ALWAYS USE CHICKEN THAT HAS BEEN FROZEN FIRST. SUPPLEMENTS = Felini or Vionate**

FOR COOKED FOOD

Boil/pressure cook in a small amount of water (500ml) 1kg+ of chicken drums/portions. Defrosted frozen meat is best. When cool, strip off skin & discard. Strip meat from bones. Shred meat with fingers and leave in the cooked juice. Add to this: 1 x Vit E, 1 level tsp Calcium; multi vit (Vionate or Fellini), 1/3 tsp Taurine if using Vionate. Mix thoroughly and leave to cool before re-refridgerating or dividing into portions for freezing.

For the Calcium you can make your own. Place egg shells on a tray in the oven at 300F for 10 minutes. Grind in a coffee grinder or mort & pestel. One egg shell makes approx. 1 tsp. Store Calcium powder in airtight container.

Highly Recommended:

www.purrform.co.uk - Excellent raw meat supplier

www.cleopet.co.uk - An excellent company for quality cat beds, toys, climbers

www.jaffavets.co.uk - Highly recommended veterinary Clinic for Cats

www.daf-petfood.co.uk - Frozen prepared Raw bone in pet food

www.zooplus.co.uk - Cat litter, Foods (including Thrive & Royal Canin) and all Miscellaneous Pet items

www.bitiba.co.uk - Cat litter, Food, toys etc.

www.thrivepetfoods.com - High Protein/grain free Dry and wet cat food

www.ardengrange.com - Grain free dry foods

www.nuturingbynature.co.uk - Prepared Raw Pet food

www.kiezebrink.co.uk - raw whole and minced meats incl pigeon, rabbit, game

www.katsecure.com - Cat Proof fencing for your garden

Other companies that may be of interest are www.naturalinstinct.com; www.barfpetfoods.co.uk; www.naturesmenu.co.uk; www.ukrmb.co.uk; www.bulkpowders.com; for taurine

Miscellaneous companies supplying a variety of Cat related items are: www.zooplus.co.uk; www.petplanet.co.uk; www.pet-supermarket.co.uk; www.cleopet.co.uk; www.bitiba.co.uk;

