

ExSPOTic Cats Bengals

Kitten Info Sheet

Congratulations on your new kitten(s)! I know it's super exciting to welcome a new family member. I've written up some instructions to help make the transition to their new home as smooth as possible. 😊

The kitten is not a toy so be sure to instruct your children how to play appropriately. It's a good idea not to attract the kitten with your hands as a toy. It's cute now, but it will not be cute when you have an adult Bengal biting/clawing your hands!

I recommend keeping the kitten(s) in a small area where it cannot hide and can easily find the litterbox and food/water. Occasionally, throughout the first couple of days, place the kitten in the litterbox so he/she knows where it is.

- We're using World's Best Cat Litter (lavender scent - purple bag)
- The best litter boxes we've used for Bengals is just a high sided, Tupperware bin from Walmart. (less than \$6.00)
- I suggest once you are through the initial 14-day period, you should have more than one litterbox, especially if you have multiple floors. Kittens are like babies and when they have to go, they have to go! There may be accidents if they can't locate their litterbox quickly.
- Remember to scoop daily. Bengals especially, don't like dirty litterboxes.



ExSPOTic Cats Bengals have been eating a raw chicken recipe. Even though they may eat anything, it's important not to keep switching foods or give table scraps. If you'd like to transition to something else, I suggest keeping them on canned or raw, put a little of the new food on their plate, slowly transitioning over a period of 4-5 days until they can be switched to a different food. Although dry food is convenient, it can also lead to dehydration if not drinking enough. (Cats get most of their water

content from their food.) Cats are also obligate carnivores, meaning they are meant to eat only meat. Corn and other grains can cause allergies in Bengals. For the best health of your Bengal, I recommend feeding grain-free foods. (This will also minimize upset tummy issues.) Check out <https://catinfo.org/> for more information.

Kittens will eat about 2-3 times a day and will eat about 3-4oz at each feeding. You'll want to feed as much as they will eat until they are about a year old. Adjust the amount you feed depending on how fast they finish what you feed them. If he/she finishes up what you're feeding in 5-8 min, you'll know you'll need to feed more at each meal. If they aren't finishing up what you've served after about 20 min, you'll know to reduce the amount at each meal.

Just like baby-proofing, you'll want to kitten proof your home. Kittens are super curious and will get into things they aren't supposed to. Tied up blinds, hide anything that could hurt your kitten such as poisons and small items they could choke on. Make sure that recliners and rockers aren't used when the kitten is in the room.

If you have other pets, do not let the kitten(s) near them for 14 days. The reason for this is so you know that the new kitten is not sick. If it mixes with your other pets, it may contract something and then you'll likely think the kitten came to you sick.

When you do finally introduce the kitten(s) to your other pets, they won't like each other at first. This is totally normal and can take anywhere from a few days to a couple of weeks for them to adjust to sharing the same home. Younger animals will adapt quickly, but sometimes older pets take a bit longer.

It is normal for the kitten to not eat or drink for the first day or so as he/she adjusts to their new home so don't worry if it does.

Finally, don't go crazy buying a bunch of toys. Their favorite thing in the world is an empty cardboard box!

Please keep me posted to any news. I love updates with pictures, especially via social media. (You can tag us @Exspoticcats.)

Have fun!

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