

YOUR NEW KITTEN (OR CAT)

The SPCA staff will help explain to you what your kitten needs:

- Your new kitten will be a little frightened at first in its new surroundings, so it is best to start it in a small room, so that it learns where its bed, food and litter tray (for its toilet) are located. Remember that at the SPCA Centre it was living in a very small cage, where everything was close together. It is wise to keep your kitten/cat confined for at least a week, so that it doesn't stray

Your kitten (cat) needs:

- A cosy bed – this can be a small cardboard box to start with. Line with some soft, clean bedding; an old t-shirt or towel is ideal.
- A litter tray, with cat litter (from pet shop). This needs cleaning daily, using a special cat litter scoop.
- Clean fresh water to drink at all times – **NEVER, NEVER GIVE YOUR KITTEN MILK, AS KITTENS CANNOT DIGEST COW'S MILK AND THEY GET DIARRHOEA EASILY**
- Fresh food at least twice a day. At the Centre we feed tins of Whiskas Junior and Royal Canin Kitten dried food, always in separate bowls. Wash the bowls before feeding, as kittens are very fussy and can get upset stomachs from dirty bowls. You will be given a small sample of food to start you off.
- Cat toys and scratching posts (from the pet shop) will ensure that your kitten doesn't use the furniture as a scratch post.
- Kittens enjoy being stroked and cuddled. You can also groom them and the SPCA staff will show you how to trim the claws easily and without pain
- As you have taken an SPCA kitten, you will be able to get a voucher from the Centre to have it neutered (or spayed) free of charge, when it is old enough. The SPCA insists that all rehomed animals from the Centre are neutered.
- Your kitten is your responsibility now; however should you be unable to keep the kitten (through ill health, moving, etc.) please contact the SPCA, in order to plan for its future.
- We ask for a minimum donation of Lm2 for a kitten or cat. This does not cover the expenses for the SPCA and if you can afford to give more, we would be very grateful. It costs Gozo SPCA Lm15 to spay each female kitten and Lm8 for the males!
- We hope that you have fun with your new pet, but please give it time to settle down (at least a couple of weeks), especially if you already have pets in the house.
- Your kitten has been treated for worms, fleas and may be vaccinated. It is important to continue to care for the health of your new pet. Dr Galea is our veterinary surgeon. His phone numbers are 21554257/mob 99494254

