

Congratulations on your new kitten!



All the responsibilities of owning a new kitten can be overwhelming, so we have summarised our recommendations to ensure that your kitten becomes a healthy, happy and well-behaved member of your family.

For a tiny kitten, experiencing a brand new home can be daunting. Every kitten has a unique personality; some are confident while others can be shy. Keeping this in mind, choose a room where your kitten can be confined, to allow him/her to gradually adjust to it's surroundings. This can also really help in toilet training.

Your new kitten should have had one vaccination, have been treated for intestinal worms and have been microchipped. You now need to continue with vaccinations, ensure your kitten has the correct diet, continue proper parasite control and ensure he/she is kept in a clean, dry, warm and safe environment.

Opening hours & contacts

The Lake Veterinary Hospitals are here to provide professional and caring attention to your pet.

Please feel free to make an appointment at any of our practices:

CHARLESTOWN (02) 4943 6066

6 Smith Street, Charlestown
Just off the highway, between Ridley and Ida Streets

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	8am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 12noon

BELMONT (02) 4945 9677

18 Maude Street, Belmont
Turn off the highway at ALDI, we are opposite Baptist Church

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	8am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 12noon

SWANSEA (02) 4971 4062

130 Pacific Highway, Swansea
Easy parking outside our front door or available at rear

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	1.30pm - 4.30pm
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Kitten care



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Caring for your new kitten



Vaccinations

In most cases your new kitten will have had one vaccination already. Then at 10-12 weeks and 14-16 weeks of age we administer a vaccine which offers the best protection against cat flu, feline enteritis and chlamydia. After this initial course, annual vaccinations and check-ups are recommended.

Indoors versus Outdoors

When you adopt a kitten you need to consider whether he/she will be kept totally indoors, or allowed outdoors, either free to roam or supervised. If you decide on free access outdoors, an additional vaccination is recommended for feline immunodeficiency virus.



Your kitten should stay indoors until at least a week after its first course of vaccinations, at 15-17 weeks old, to avoid potential diseases like enteritis or cat flu. Then let it explore outside under supervision. Before free access outdoors, make sure your kitten has been desexed, is fully vaccinated and has become used to life in your house.

If your kitten is inside only, make sure they have regular stimulation by placing food bowls up high to encourage jumping, and playing with them for exercise and strengthening your bond.



Nutrition

Kittens require a high quality diet for proper bone growth, coat condition and dental development. After bringing your kitten home, it's best to continue the same diet to avoid any stomach upsets. You can change your kitten's diet gradually by mixing it with its usual food. We can advise you which is the most appropriate food for your kitten.

Fresh drinking water should be available at all times.

Good dental care is important. Chewing raw meat and bones such as chicken wings or steak, dental treats or chew toys helps maintain dental health.

Desexing

Desexing is recommended and can be performed at four to six months of age as this helps decrease behavioural issues such as aggression and spraying. The procedure is safe and recovery requires some home nursing and post-operative activity restriction.

Intestinal Worm Control

We recommend worming your kitten every two weeks until 12 weeks of age, then every month until six months old, then every three months for life.

Please ask us for the most effective internal parasite preventative for your kitten.

Flea and Tick Prevention

From eight weeks of age we recommend using a monthly flea and tick treatment for your kitten.

Talk to us about the best one for your kitten.

