

Essential Kitten Shopping List

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Preparing for a new kitten is exciting. Walking into a pet shop, it's easy to believe you need to buy everything on the shelves.

The truth is, your kitten doesn't need the most expensive accessories.

They need a safe environment, loving guardians and someone willing to understand their unique needs.

At Amity, we believe the best investment you can make isn't in buying more—it's in learning more. That's why our purpose is simple: **Empower You Through Education.**

Here are the essentials every kitten needs to enjoy the very best start in life.

A Comfortable Bed

Kittens sleep for up to 20 hours a day. Choose a warm, quiet bed where they can rest undisturbed.

Many kittens also enjoy covered beds or enclosed spaces where they feel safe and secure.

Food and Water Bowls

Ceramic or stainless-steel bowls are hygienic and easy to clean.

Place water bowls away from food if possible, as many cats naturally prefer drinking away from where they eat. Some cats also enjoy drinking from water fountains.

Quality Kitten Food

Good nutrition during the first year supports healthy growth and development.

Feed a complete, balanced kitten diet and avoid changing foods suddenly unless advised by your vet.

Litter Tray

A simple rule is one litter tray per cat, plus one extra.

Place trays in quiet, easily accessible locations away from food and water. Keeping them clean encourages good litter habits and reduces stress.

Scratching Post

Scratching is completely normal feline behaviour.

Cats scratch to maintain healthy claws, stretch their muscles and mark their territory.

Providing sturdy scratching posts from the beginning helps protect your furniture while allowing your kitten to express natural behaviours.

Toys and Enrichment

Play is essential for physical and mental development.

Choose toys that encourage chasing, pouncing and problem-solving. Rotate toys regularly to keep them interesting and spend time playing together every day.

Your attention is often your kitten's favourite toy.

Carrier

A secure, well-ventilated carrier is essential for journeys to the vet and beyond.

Leave it open at home with a soft blanket inside so your kitten sees it as a safe place rather than something that only appears before a stressful trip.

Grooming Equipment

Regular brushing, gentle handling and getting your kitten used to having their paws, ears and mouth touched makes future grooming and veterinary examinations much easier.

These few minutes now can prevent years of unnecessary stress.

Insurance and Veterinary Care

No one expects a young kitten to become ill or injured, but unexpected things happen.

Good insurance provides peace of mind and allows decisions to be based on what's best for your kitten.

Register with your veterinary practice as soon as possible to discuss vaccinations, parasite prevention, nutrition, microchipping and neutering.

At Amity, **Amity Essential Membership includes unlimited health checks**, so we're always here to answer your questions and support you throughout your kitten's life.

The Best Purchase You'll Ever Make

The most valuable thing you'll ever give your kitten isn't a toy, a bed or a climbing tree.

It's your time.

Your patience.

Your understanding.

Because those are the things that build trust and create an extraordinary bond.

You're not simply bringing home a kitten.

You're welcoming a new member into your family.

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If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.