



Kitten Care Guide

Congratulations on your new kitten, please see below some of the basic principles of owning a cat and how to care for it. Health and safety are our goals for you and your pet.

Make your vet appointment now

Your kitten needs to see a vet within 7 business days after pickup to get the 2 year health warranty. This visit establishes baseline health and any initial problems that we will address with between the client and breeder if there is any. Most vets are booked out 2-3 weeks. Your kitten is already established at Klahaya Animal Hospital in Snohomish, WA with Dr. Thoreson if you don't know who to use initially.

Pick up

You will be provided a harness for your kitten at pick up. Please keep this on them if you are flying and need to hold on to them going through TSA.

Food

Feeding Regimen

- 2.4oz of wet food in the morning with probiotics/ vitamins around 9am
- Kibble left out at all times
- 2.4oz can of wet food around 5pm no supplements (if your kitten ate all the morning wet food)

Life's Abundance Kibble

Cats are designed to obtain most of their moisture from their food so 3 to 4 ounces of wet food must be fed to them on a daily basis. Expect your kitten to have loose stools for no more than a week when you home them. The stress and diet changes will cause this to happen. Please follow my guide below for a smooth transition. Probiotics are required daily for the duration of the 2-year congenital health guarantee. Please allow adjustment time for your kitten before jumping to antibiotics and wiping out their gut flora.



Grain Free Cat Food - Life's Abundance

We searched high and low for a great holistic cat food that promotes every stage of life in your precious feline friend. We feed our cats and kittens this kibble and recommend you do the same. It is a specialty food made in Oregon and cannot be found in stores. Go to www.lifesabundance.com/sunovasiberians to order products. It is affordable and offers many health and immune benefits.

Please feed Reveal wet food chicken. Either the 5.5oz cans or the 2.4oz cans. You can add in other flavors but please note it may change stool quality. Bought at PetSmart, Petco, chewy, and amazon.





Purina Pro Plan Live Clear
Purina created a kibble you can incorporate with the kitten kibble that cuts down on allergens by 40% to 60% if you have cat allergies.



Coco and Luna nutritional supplement
MUST-HAVE

We use these nutritional vitamins and add it into our pet's food on a daily basis. We use a scoop or half a scoop.
Find it on Amazon [here](#)



Tomlyn Immune Support

L-lysine is an immune support for your kitty. It helps stave off infections due to stress. Only use it for 7 durations at a time no more than once every 30 days if you kitten looks to have eye discharge or sneezing. Please give a small scoop daily in your kitten's food. This will fight off respiratory infections in cats and helps their stomachs.

PROBIOTICS

Any probiotic is acceptable as long as it carries *Lactobacillus Bulgaricus*. This will help with diarrhea or runny stools if you make food changes. Probiotics are required daily for the duration of the 2-year congenital health guarantee.



Visbiome is always vet-recommended. You can purchase it from Costco or buy it from their website [Here](#).

Administer half a capsule to wet food a day



Alternatively, Fortiflora for cats tastes great and is a great probiotic. You will administer half a packet to food once a day.

Dishware and Water

Please do not buy plastic bowls for your cats. Cats are sensitive to them and get feline acne. It doesn't matter if they are BPA free. Feline acne appears as black spots on the chin. Only use ceramic, glass, or stainless steel.

Water

Cats do not like standing water or stagnant water. You can leave a faucet running for them or get a stainless steel water fountain. We use the Petlibro Wifi fountains in our household. They tell you the water intake of the kitten, when to add more water, and when to clean the filter.



Litter and Potty Behavior

Litter box training should consist of 24 to 72 hours of confinement to a small area where you will house your litter box. Once your kitten has urinated and pooped a handful of times you can allow them to explore your home one room at a time. It's important to keep placing your kitten back in your litter box as this will create a location in their brains.

If your kitten has an accident, remove the article, best to throw it away, washing does not always remove the urine. Then confine them back to their litter box room for 24 hours.



We use Naturally Fresh walnut shell cat litter. You are free to use any other kind with the exception of clay litter, but this is what our kittens are used to. We are against using clay litter of any kind as they cause respiratory symptoms and asthma in cats.



World's Best Corn Litter

If your cat has a white face we recommend getting corn litter, it's light in color and keeps them looking cleaner longer.



Litter Robot 3 and 4

All our kittens are used to the litter robot 3 if you decide to go this route. You can purchase these used, just make sure to clean it out so your kitten does not catch any viruses.

Switching Litters Step by Step

Switching made simple.

Start with a clean, empty
litter box at each transition.



Week 1

Use recommended
litter while your kitten
gets used to your
home.

Week 2

Mix new litter into
previous litter at a
50/50 ratio

Week 3

70/30 ratio

Week 4

Your kitten
should be used to
their new litter

If your kitten has an accident outside the box you will need to isolate them to their litter box area for 24-72 hours. If they continue to have accidents you may need to go back a step in litter introduction stage. Many clients desire to use pellets and this can be coarse on small kitten paws. If unable to switch them simply wait another month and retry. Larger cats are more accepting of pellet litters.

Scratching posts

Please buy a scratching post for your cat, one that they can stretch upwards all the way. We use a large square-shaped one. Please spray it with catnip spray to make it more enticing than your furniture.



Please get a large 36” scratching post. Siberians are medium to large cats and need to stretch out their backs. We recommend this sturdy one on Amazon [Here](#).

Play

Never use your hands or feet to play with a kitten. Although this is tempting and seems cute at first, it can lead to serious problems in the future as the kitten matures. This is because the kitten will start to associate fingers and toes with playtime, but as it grows bigger and stronger and play becomes more intense, its growing teeth and claws can cause pain and injury.

Cats and kittens are attracted to **fast movements**, so activities like wiggling your fingers in their line of vision or moving your feet around under the duvet can be amusing at first. They will likely catch your kitten’s attention and trigger a stalking and pouncing response. However, this type of interaction should be avoided as it can cause misdirected predatory play toward humans in the form of ambushing, which can result in serious injury.

Always use toys to play with your kitten, especially if you have small children. Playing with the hands can cause them to attack your arm when they mature and cause injury. We like fishing pole toys and pom poms.



RompiCatz Critter Collector Series Teaser String and Interactive Cat Toy Attachment, Bugzbird Found [Here](#)

We use **Rompicatz** toys on Amazon they are premium made and hold up well



Grooming



SLICKER BRUSH FOR CATS

Uses:

Removes knots and tangles and smooths fur creating shine.

Recommended for:

- All types of hair
- Cats that shed a lot

This is a standard Slicker brush. You will be brushing your cat 2-3 times a week with this. This brush is for daily upkeep. You can find one [here](#).



We use and recommend the Furminator brush for spring when your Siberian blows their coat. You can expect to see a lot of hairballs around this time of year. This really helps them manage. Siberians lose their winter coats around February to March.



Any Shampoo that is paraben and sulfate free is acceptable to bathe your Siberian in. However we recommend either ACURE brand at target or Pet O'Cara. This shampoo breaks down proteins that cause allergens and is also very gentle on your cat. This is veterinarian-approved. You can find the link [here](#).

Microchip Registry

Please be sure to register your kitten at <https://petkey.org/> as soon as possible. If your pet were ever to be lost or stolen and they were taken to a vet office. They will be scanned and returned to you. It is \$45 for a lifetime subscription as well as additional add-ons.