

# **JEMSTONES BENGALS**

## **\*\*Our recommendations for your Bengal Kitten\*\***

### **Vaccinations:**

Your kitten has received their 2 core vaccinations against Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calici virus and Panleukopenia. They will not require any further core vaccines until next year but they will require their first rabies vaccine any time after 16 weeks old.

We use the Fel-O-Vax PCT + CaliciVax modified live core vaccines which you can request from your vet to bring in for you ahead of time if they do not stock it.

***-Please never vaccinate against FIP***

***-Please never vaccinate against FIV/FeLV***

***(Your cat will then test positive. These vaccines are routinely given to outdoor cats and shelter cats.)***

***\*\*They will require a 1 year Rabies vaccine which can be given any time after 16 weeks.***

### **Deworming:**

Your kitten has been dewormed twice. They have received a 3 day series of Panacur at 6 weeks and again at 11 weeks. Your kitten is fully dewormed.

### **Flea treatments:**

If your cat spends time outside in a secure cat enclosure you might want to give a treatment for the prevention of fleas and mites if you live in an area where this is an issue.

We suggest Revolution monthly treatment. This takes care of external parasites such as flea and mites but also internal parasites such as heartworm.

### **Microchip:**

Your kitten is now permanently identified with an ISO microchip that carries a unique number which will remain with your Bengal for the rest of their life. This has been recorded in the Eidap Animal Registry to Jemstones Bengals. Your kitten's microchip number will also be included on their individual Tica registration papers which will

show you as the owner. If you wish to complete the EIDAP upgraded registration form and transfer your kitten's microchip into your name, a form has been included in your take home folder.

### **Health check:**

Your kitten has undergone 3 complete physical exams. 2 at the time of each vaccination which were 4 weeks apart and a 3rd at the time your kitten had neuter/spay surgery. The vet has confirmed your kitten to be in perfect health.

### **Going Home:**

Your kitten has been transported around our home, including back and forth to the vet in a plastic crate/kennel numerous times since they were 5 weeks old. It is a place of comfort where they feel safe and secure. For kittens needing to travel a distance home, we highly recommend you bring one. If you are travelling for more than a few hours a large enough size that will fit a small litterbox in the back leaving a space up front for a bed/blanket would work nicely.

**It is very, very important** that your new kitten be placed in a small room such as a bathroom, laundry room or even a small bedroom. Open the door of his crate and leave him/her to come out by themselves. Make sure they have everything in their room such as food, water, a bed and toys. Your kitten might hide at first but then slowly come out to see you. In extreme cases, if he/she remains hiding after a few days, please change them to a room where there is no place to hide and then go play with them as often as possible to accelerate the transition.

If you have any other animals in the house, there should never be an issue with your Bengal kitten eventually adapting. All the animals will probably start by smelling and sniffing each other under the door. You can also help the process by letting your new kitten play with your other animal's toys, this will help them knowing the odor and getting them used to the other animal's scent. After a few days in their small confined room, once the kitten begins to relax and is playing, eating and using the litterbox consistently, a suggestion would be to perhaps move them to some type of soft sided or meshed puppy pen with a secure top and place it in your main living area. This way, all animals can see, sniff and smell each other but not be together. Your new kitten can even stay in that pen for a few days if needed and adjust to your home. There could possibly be a lot of growling and hissing from the kitten and/or any other animals in your home, however that is perfectly normal. Sometimes it will take 2 to 3 days before all animals relax, quiet down and are more receptive of each other. You might be surprised

that there is no adjustment time needed. You will of course be the best judge.

### **Food:**

Your kitten is eating Acana First Feast kitten dry and Now Fresh chicken pate wet food in the tetra paks. Both these foods are Canadian made. Now Fresh is made locally in Chilliwack, BC and Acana is made in Edmonton, Alberta. Please continue this diet for at least a few months if you plan to switch foods. The Now Fresh is not labelled as kitten, however it is formulated for All Life Stages and an excellent quality food.

Your kitten has been getting fed 4 times per day. 7Am, noon, 5pm and 10pm. At each meal we feed some wet food mixed with dry. The kibble is first softened with a bit of warm water for a few minutes before mixing with the wet. If your routine will be later to bed than you can always offer your kitten a small snack of mixed food or some dry food. You can also offer some cooked chicken breast as a treat but I do not recommend you give this with every meal unless you are prepared to include this daily or your kitten might start refusing their regular food in wait of the chicken!. Pure freeze dried chicken or turkey treats without any additives are great as a treat when they are a little older.

### **Litter:**

Your kitten has been using the Worlds Best Cat litter multiple cat clumping unscented. This litter is terrific!! No smell, no dust, fantastic clumping properties, lightweight and safe for kittens as it is made from corn. You can just flush it down the toilet and it is septic friendly. **The golden rule of litterboxes is for every cat there should be at least 2. With a new kitten I would ideally suggest you strategically place 2 – 4 litterboxes** in common areas that are in plain sight depending on how large your home is. Areas of travel such as stairwell landings, beside a main play area and of course where they sleep. Kittens are like toddlers in that they get so busy playing they suddenly realize they need to go now and require a litterbox that is close by in their line of sight all the time. As they get older the number of boxes can be reduced. We do not recommend changing litter brand or using covered litterboxes until they are older as this change can be scary and create stress/anxiety leading to potential litterbox issues.

### **Security:**

The Bengal cat breed is very active, intelligent, highly curious and athletic and always getting into something. Our adult neutered pets daily routine is to rip down any/all towels off the towel racks, explore along the kitchen counter tops for something interesting to take or knock off the counter, play in the sink, steal pens, paperclips and

elastics off any paperwork they can find and chew on any dangling electrical cords.

Here is a safety list for your Bengal's own security:

**-clothes dryer:**

Always double check in the dryer or washing machine to be sure your Bengal has not entered before starting it...he could be playing inside underneath the clothes and would die if the dryer is started. For multiple family members in a home it is always good to post a little note beside the washer/dryer to remind everyone to double check.

**-Plants:**

Please check online or consult your veterinarian to know if any of your house plants are a danger or poisonous to cats. Guaranteed your bengal will find your plants and chew on them.

**-toaster:**

Always keep your toaster unplugged from the outlet, your kitten could put its paws inside and get them trapped.

**-electrical wires:**

Please use electrical wire covers for any electrical cords around your house, your kitten is like a toddler and could very well chew on them and get electrocuted.

**-fridge\freezer:**

When opening the door bengal kittens are small and fast and can easily wedge themselves into an inside shelf in your fridge door so they are hidden from sight. Please remember to always double check both sides of the fridge before shutting the door to make sure there are no paws.

**-hiding spot:**

Bengals are highly curious and like to hide and play in small spaces. Its better to get into a routine of looking for them to ensure they did not get into your fridge, dishwasher, clothes washer, dryer, etc. We highly recommend that your kitten be placed in a safe room and not left loose in your home when there is no one home or no supervision.

**-water:**

Bengals are fascinated by water. It is important to keep all your toilet seats down. Also, we recommend that you not use any automatic toilet bowl products that are attached inside the bowl in case your kitten manages to get into the toilet water.

While your kitten is still young, do not let him play unattended in the bathroom when there is water in the bathtub.

**-small things:**

It is necessary to pay attention to small objects like rubber bands, pieces of plastic, paper clips, hair ties, small toys – these all pose risks of choking. Bengal kittens play with everything that they can find so please keep an eye on that.