

# Feeding your new kitten

We now start kittens on the RC Kitten Instinctive Gravy and Jelly pouches and also Babycat Instinctive. Some kittens prefer an individual type some eat the lot.

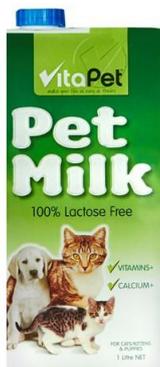


With this we also offer the kittens and mother RC Mother and Babycat . A very small kibble and once they start to eat it they don't stop.

We also offer fresh meat finely cut ( Super Pets) along with cat milk ( either brand that is available at the supermarkets, as they slow feeding from mum. At around 10 weeks I introduce RC Kitten (a slightly larger kibble). By this time they are also offered canned/ sachet food RC instinctive, Whiskers and Chef (kitten formulas). This gives them a great selection and also means they are used to a variety for when they go to their new homes. Mum is usually back onto Fit 32 and the kittens start to cross over to this also. The kitten diet is best till about 7-9 months even longer. Once mature around 2 years be careful to slow the amount down as they will start to become overweight. Remember kittens eat a lot in comparison to adult cats.

Always have fresh water available; especially if you choose to feed any quantity of dried food.

If your dog does not like to share its meal please lock your kitten away while your dog eats, as they will show no fear where food is concerned.





Your kitten will require three meals a day up to the age of six months; they may then be fed twice a day up to the age of nine months. Please make sure you feed a calcium supplement up to the age of nine months if you are choosing to feed a raw food diet, dried kitten food has added calcium and provides a complete balanced diet. There is a lot of information available about feline diets I personally prefer to feed a variety of foods and to include raw meat and chicken necks in my cats diet. Once your kitten reaches nine months of age they are considered an adult and should be fed an adult diet. I strongly recommend feeding a dental diet once your kitten becomes an adult at 9 months. Tooth decay and gum disease are conditions many cats will develop as they age and these conditions can have an impact on their general health and may lead to kidney disease in later life.

Raw chicken necks are excellent for keeping tartar build up down on teeth. If you choose to use dried food, only feed good quality biscuits, not the cheap supermarket brands, some of the more expensive supermarket brands are very good. I have found that [Kitten Excellence](#) ( in the dark blue packet) is exceptional with a couple of my Devons that had skin allergies, I have not found another dry food they can tolerate.

Egg Yolks may be served raw, however the whites must be cooked Raw Liver is important in the diet but should not be fed more than twice a week, as it may cause diarrhoea, and in large quantities it may also cause vitamin A poisoning. Beware of "pet mince" too often it contains large quantities of liver.

Dog Foods are not suitable for cats as they have very different nutritional requirements from dogs. Cats require more vitamins A and B, taurine, fatty acids, and animal protein than dogs. Cats are still primary hunters whereas dogs are scavengers, dual cat/dog foods are actually cat foods suitable to dogs, and are perfectly adequate. If your kitten prefers one type of food, try not to give into him/her, a varied diet is better for his/her health and your budget.

Please try not to allow your Devon Rex to get fat. They love food and will try desperately to convince you that they are starving to death. Easier said than done!