

Congratulations on adopting your new kitten! Bringing home a new pet is always exciting, even magical, and there's no doubt that you're going to have so much fun together. One of the first things you should do when you bring your new pet home is to introduce him or her to us – your veterinary care team. Kitten visits offer a unique opportunity to get you and your new pet off on the right foot! Your kitten visit will include a full “nose-to-tail” physical examination. We will look for any signs of illness and make sure that your new pet is in good health. Things to remember on the day of the appointment:

**Register Online:** Time saving tip: register your pet on-line or print your pet's info at New Patient.

**Feed Less:** Don't feed your pet right before coming for the visit or feed less than a normal amount. This will alleviate any chance of throwing up if your pet were to have motion sickness.

**Safe Car Ride:** Use a carrier for smaller kitten breeds with their favorite toys and blanket.

**Medical/Vaccine Record:** Bring any records coming with your new kitten (health certificate, preventative care record, etc.).

**Bring Some Poop:** We may have to perform some diagnostic tests to make sure your kitten is healthy internally as well.

Tests include feline leukemia and feline AIDS. Bringing a stool sample (about one gram) in a clean container or plastic bag will expedite the testing process and you can return home with the results. Don't worry if you can't get a sample; we will get a fresh sample while your pet is here.

**Vaccines due? What to expect:** A few pets may experience some lethargy and soreness from the vaccinations, which may last up to 24 hrs. Very rarely severe adverse reactions may happen which requires immediately medical attention. We strongly recommend priming your pet with diphenhydramine (Benadryl) to alleviate such reaction.

**Parasite Control:** Know what kind of flea/tick medications your pet is on. We strongly recommend year round parasite control.

**Come with Questions:** Write down any questions or concerns to ask our team and DVM.

**How Long Will This Take?** Expect 40-45 minutes for this appointment.