

Bringing Kitten Home

Bringing a Bengal kitten into your home is an exciting event, but it's also a big commitment that requires preparation and ongoing care. Here is a guide that outlines what you should know for a smooth transition.

Pre-Arrival Preparations

1. **Vet Checkup:** Your kitten will be vaccinated, dewormed and Vet checked before bringing them home. You will receive a health certificate as well as vaccine record from Breeder.
2. **Supplies:** Have Blue wilderness salmon food, water bowls, a litter box, kitten-safe litter, scratching posts, and toys. Consider getting a cat bed and maybe even a cat tree.
3. **Safe Zone:** Set up a small, quiet space where the kitten can feel safe during the first few days. Bathrooms are ideal. It should be a place where the kitten can escape from other pets and household noise.

The First Day

1. **Arrival:** Bring the kitten home in a secure carrier. Place the carrier in the pre-prepared safe zone and open the door, letting the kitten come out on its own terms.
2. **Introduction:** Limit the kitten's space to the safe zone for the first week. Gradually introduce them to the rest of the house. This should be done over the span of about a month.

Socialization and Training

1. **Handling:** Be sure to handle kitten several times daily.
2. **Play:** Bengal kittens are very playful and need plenty of interactive playtime. Make sure to engage them with various toys.
3. **Litter Training:** All kittens will be litter box trained before leaving to their new homes.
4. **Name Recognition:** Use your kitten's name frequently so they learn to recognize it.

Feeding

1. **Diet:** Keep your Bengal kitten on the same diet they were on before you brought them home.
2. **Feeding Schedule:** Young kittens should be FREE fed as they are growing and will require food throughout the day.

Health and Wellness

1. **Vet Visits:** Schedule regular check-ups with a vet. Make sure vaccinations are up-to-date and discuss flea and worm prevention.
2. **Grooming:** Bengals have a short, dense coat that is relatively easy to care for. Weekly brushing should suffice. You should also trim their nails as needed and check their ears for dirt and wax.

Exercise and Enrichment

1. **Activity Level:** Bengals are energetic cats that need both physical and mental stimulation. Make use of puzzle feeders, automated laser pointers, and other interactive toys.
2. **High Places:** Consider installing cat shelves or a cat tree for climbing, as Bengals love to be up high.
3. **Water Play:** Many Bengals enjoy playing with water. Provide a shallow bowl or sink for them to play in, if you're comfortable with that.
4. **Outdoor Access:** If you intend to allow your Bengal outside, make sure it is a safe and secure area. Some people walk their Bengals on a leash.

Common Challenges

1. **Prey Drive:** Be cautious if you have smaller pets, as Bengals have a strong prey drive.
2. **Vocalization:** Bengals are often more vocal than other breeds. This is generally not a problem but be prepared for some level of noise.
3. **Energy Level:** Without adequate stimulation, Bengals may become bored and engage in undesirable behaviors like scratching furniture.

Remember, each Bengal is unique, so you may need to tailor your approach to fit your new kitten's personality and needs.