

ASK THE EXPERT: SUSAN SPAULDING



Are you ready to take care of kittens? Our friend Susan Spaulding, co-founder of the National Kitten Coalition

(kittencoalition.org) and a neonatal kitten expert, has the answers to some of the most common questions about neonatal kitten care.

Q: What should I feed my neonatal kitten?

Never feed a kitten cow's milk. It will cause digestive upset and diarrhea. I recommend kitten formulas such as Breeder's Edge (my favorite), KMR, GNC, or 21st Century. You can find those and bottles at most pet supply stores.


Q: My kitten won't eat. What do I do?

Kittens won't eat if they're dehydrated or cold. Do not force a kitten to eat! Warm her with your body heat and give her warm water by dropping it on her tongue slowly, then try feeding again. If you have one or two failed feedings, seek veterinary help *immediately*.

Q: What do I need to know about training kittens to use a litter box?

You can start litter training when a kitten is around four weeks old. It's instinctive, but putting a piece of cloth in the litter box that they've relieved themselves on helps.

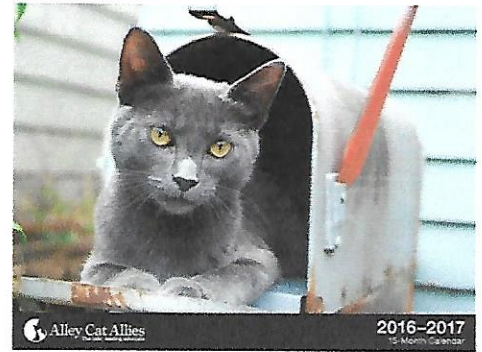
Use a shallow litter pan and non-clumping litter until your kittens are seven weeks old. Clumping litter can be dangerous if it's ingested or sticks to their eyes and nose.

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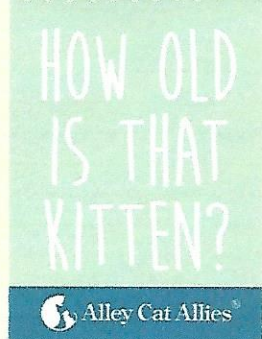
VOTE FOR OUR NEXT COVER CAT!

Soon you'll have the chance to pick the photo that you think should be on the cover of our 2017–2018 calendar! Voting for the cover cat for our award-winning calendar will open in early June.

Don't miss out! We'll notify you when the poll opens—just sign up for our email alerts at alleycat.org/SignUp.



Gaius was the cover cat chosen for our 2016–2017 calendar!



NEW RESOURCE: KITTEN POCKET GUIDE

How old is that kitten? Our popular and informative Kitten Progression poster is now a handy pocket guide, so you can have a resource at your fingertips if you find a litter of kittens outside. With the tips and pictures in this easy-to-read booklet, you'll learn how to judge a kitten's age from newborn to 10 weeks. Kittens have different needs as they grow, so you'll need to know their age to give them the best care possible. The "How Old Is That Kitten?" pocket guide is now available to purchase (4 for \$5, 8 for \$10) at alleycat.org/Shop.

MEET SAKI: THREE LEGS DON'T HOLD HER BACK

When Saki was found in a dumpster behind a restaurant last December, her leg was in bad shape. A birth defect meant that she couldn't put weight on her paw, causing her to drag it across the pavement. The veterinarian had to amputate her leg. Saki recovered in a foster home and became a happy, mobile cat, and it didn't take long for her to find her forever home! In February, she was adopted and is now loved in her new home! 



Saki was saved thanks to you and Alley Cat Allies! She now lives happily in her forever home.