



Fast Facts

Determining Kitten Age

Weight – Baseline for Healthy Kittens

Newborn	3-4 ounces
One week	8 ounces
Four weeks	1 pound

Continuing gain of 4-6 ounces per week

Weight alone is not an accurate indicator of age. Prior to 2-3 weeks of age, other indicators are needed:

- ◆ **Umbilical cord wet:** less than 12 hours old
- ◆ **Umbilical cord dry:** at least 1 day, less than 5 days
- ◆ **Eyes open:** 7-10 days
- ◆ **Ears upright:** about 3 weeks
- ◆ **Tail up, walking:** about 4 weeks



* **Teeth are the most accurate indicator of age from 4 weeks to 6 months**

Teething Schedule

Deciduous or primary teeth all in by 8 weeks	Incisors: 2.5–4 weeks	Canines: 3–4 weeks	Premolars: 5–7 weeks	
Permanent teeth all in by 6 months	Incisors: 3–4 months	Canines: 3–5 months	Premolars: 4.5–6 months	Molars: 5–6 months

** Eruption times vary and are affected by breed, nutrition and general health*