

Kitten Info: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ALL SPOTTED UP KITTEN CARE CONTRACT**

### **Preparing for your kitten:**

Hybrid kittens tend to be more mischievous than domestic cats. You should go through your home like you are preparing for a crawling baby. **Make sure to keep anything they can swallow hidden (i.e. hair ties, rubber bands, nerf bullets etc.)**

### **What to expect:**

**In the first couple days, they may not eat or drink a lot and because of this use the litter box less.** Some may need a little extra time to adjust. Just make sure you show them their food and water bowls and litter box often. As long as they seem alright i.e. playing, running around etc. and not weak or lethargic, they are ok. They will eat/drink when they need to. They will not let themselves starve.

### **Litter boxes:**

You need **1 box per cat + 1**. **Scoop at least once a day and clean the whole litter box weekly.** Remind the kitten where the litter box is often the first few weeks to avoid accidents. Bengals are very particular about their litter boxes and litter. **Use the same litter as us and if you switch, do it slowly and only once the kitten has adjusted.** **Also, start with a pan litter box with no lid and then you can transition after quarantine, if desired.**

### **Water:**

Bengals love water. Make sure they have access to water 24/7 as dehydration can cause health issues. Consider a mat under the water dish/fountain. **Make sure you use stainless steel or ceramic bowls and not plastic!**

### **Quarantine & bonding time:**

You should start them off in a small bathroom or non-carpeted room, where there is no place to hide. Keep food, water and a litter box all in an easily visible location. This also aids you in the bonding process with your new kitten, since you will be able to find them easily. I recommend sitting on the floor with them, as you would to interact with a small child. Go in the room as often as you can and bond with our kitten. Let them come to you and build their trust and affection for you. One person at a time to start and then other family members. It's important they don't feel abandoned and get lots of love from everyone. **This will help when they are out in bigger spaces.** Once you have established your kitten's trust and affection **(2 weeks minimum)**, you are ready to extend their territory into a larger room. Then, gradually extending to the rest of the house.

**\*We know this can be hard to do but it is SO IMPORTANT. It helps decrease the odds of behavior problems down the road\***

### **Their immune system:**

Your new kitten will likely be scared, stressed, anxious and confused due to being removed from its mother, siblings, home and known humans. Then, adding the travel to your home, it can be an overwhelming day. Their immune system is generally weakened and they are more apt to catch a simple "bug". It is common for an adult animal with a strong immune system to carry viral strains that do not affect them but a kitten with a weakened immune system exposed to the same virus could easily contract the virus. **So, keeping your kitten separate from ALL other pets for 2 weeks is extremely important!**

### **Introducing animals:**

After the first week, you can let the animals smell each other under the door. This is the first step to integration. After a couple days of doing this, you can also swap some toys, blankets or bedding to get them used to each other. After the 2 week quarantine is up, you can introduce the animals face to face but only while supervised. If there are any problems, you may have to take a little longer to introduce them. **Pay attention to your animals.**

### **Teeth:**

We recommend cleaning your cat's teeth weekly. At their annual check up make sure they check their teeth.

### **Deworming:**

We recommend deworming your cat every 6 months to ensure they do not pick up anything while outside, from other animals or their food. We deworm kittens at 4, 8 and 12 weeks before they leave us. We use Safe-Guard Goat Dewormer.

### **Bad behavior:**

Behavior issues should be dealt with the right way to “nip them in the bud.” They may be cute or at least not annoying when they are a kitten but will be when they are grown; then it is much harder to break them of a bad habit. One option is giving them a toy and redirecting their focus. Another is positive reinforcement. Also, clicker training works well. Always easier to break bad habits before they are formed. Also, for jumping onto tables or counters, you can try foil. Cats do not like foil and most will not jump on it.

### **Declawing:**

Absolutely, do not declaw a cat. It is the same as cutting off the tip of all your fingers.

### **Dangers of outdoors:**

**Please make sure you are not letting your kitten/cat outside to free roam.** Anything can happen to a cat who has free rein outside. They could get taken, wander very far from home, get distracted chasing something, hit by a vehicle, run into a predator etc. Please build or buy an enclosure for them or walk them on a leash & harness.

**\*Also, making sure the microchip is active and registered in your name is a must.\***

### **Vaccinations:**

**Your kitten needs a 3rd dose of the FVRCP vaccine AFTER 16 weeks of age.** If you do that, you do not need to give the 1 year booster shot but only every 3 years. If you don't give a dose after 16 weeks, then we suggest the year booster and then every 3 years.

Felv: We do not vaccinate for as our cats are indoors or in our patio all the time. If you do vaccinate, do so only once with the PureVax brand.

Rabies: **Should be done at 16 weeks.** When you do the rabies vaccine, find a vet who will do the 3 year Merial's PureVax brand.

Also, make sure your vet is fine with us administering our shots ourselves!

\*This is our opinion, you should do your own research to make your own informed decisions.\*

### **WHAT WE USE:**

**Litter:** We use pine pellets. You can find them at any Tractor Supply/Orscheln's. **You need to have this litter at home before your kitten gets there.** You can switch litters slowly after the quarantine period.

**Food:** We feed a balanced raw diet now. We will send home a little with you. Stella and Chewys has a good pre-made raw and so does Darwin's if you want to go that route. **You need to have a plan and have the appropriate food ready before the kitten comes home!**

### **Expected Expenses:**

**Recommended vet visit within 3 days, 3rd vaccination, rabies shot, TICA registration, microchip registration.**

**DO NOT HESITATE TO MESSAGE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR JUST TO GIVE US AN UPDATE!  
THERE IS MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE ALLSPOTTEDUP.COM.**

**I have read and understand all these tips and recommendations from my breeder on how best to care for my new Bengal kitten. I will follow these instructions to give my kitten the best life possible. When issues or questions arise, I will look over the information found on their website.**