

PREPARING FOR YOUR NEW CASTLE COONS KITTEN

A Complete Guide for New Owners

Congratulations on reserving your Castle Coons Maine Coon kitten! This guide outlines everything you'll need to prepare for your kitten's arrival, support a smooth transition, and maintain the care routine your kitten is already accustomed to.

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Food & Water Bowls

- Stainless steel or ceramic bowls only
- Raised bowls are recommended to support posture
- A pet water fountain is strongly encouraged to promote hydration:

<https://a.co/d/2gd4JFB>

Kitten Food,

Your kitten is currently eating:

- Friskies Pâté (Seafood Lovers) twice per day
- Purina Kitten Chow available at all times
- Raw meat supplementation (beef, chicken, duck) from a Sacramento butcher

Note: If you plan to change diets, transition gradually over 7–10 days.

Litter Boxes & Cat Litter,

Your kitten is trained on:

- World's Best Cat Litter: <https://a.co/d/1lrD4EU>
- Standard/open litter boxes, opt for a large one, stainless steel is highly recommend it reduces any odors: <https://a.co/d/3A5l2K7>
- Optional automatic boxes (e.g., PetKit, MeoWant) <https://a.co/d/dNJnraw>, <https://a.co/d/0dPrmTX>

Additional Litter Supplies

- Litter scoop (Stainless Steel is highly recommended)

- Litter mat

Stick with the same litter the first month to avoid confusion, transition gradually if changing litters.

Grooming & Nail Care,

Maine Coons benefit from early, gentle grooming to prevent mats and encourage positive handling.

Recommended tools:

- Stainless Steel Comb: <https://a.co/d/5qbjhlR>
- Kitten Nail Clippers: <https://a.co/d/ezLjAun>
- Brush for furniture: <https://a.co/d/42wp3Pn>

Brush your kitten 1-2x weekly, during heavier shedding periods, brush daily.

Trim nails every 2 weeks or as needed. Sanitary trims 1-2x per month

Kitten Bed,

Provide a comfortable, washable bed or donut-style nest.

Choose soft materials and place the bed in a quiet corner.

Cat Trees & Perches,

Maine Coons need stable climbing options.

Recommended features:

- Wide platforms
- High weight capacity
- Integrated scratching posts
- Hammocks or hideaways (optional)

Recommended Trees:

<https://a.co/d/d6IH58i>

<https://a.co/d/6udW9Br>

Toys,

Recommended enrichment items:

- Wand toys
- Spring coils
- Tunnels
- Crinkle balls
- Interactive puzzle toys

Recommended toys: <https://a.co/d/4MfDtzu>, <https://a.co/d/1mO3xKu>,
<https://a.co/d/dmvd8m8>, <https://a.co/d/6kW8T7S>

Carrier,

Bring a carrier on pickup day.

Recommended features:

- Top and front entry
- Sturdy structure
- Ventilation

Recommendations: <https://a.co/d/h4Xff3m>, <https://a.co/d/7atc2Dt>

Great for: vet visits, travel, and safe transport home.

Treats

Churu Skin & Coat, highly preferred treat; <https://a.co/d/iJYryBM>

HOME SAFETY:

Kittens are naturally curious and will explore every surface, shelf, and corner of your home. Before bringing your new kitten home, please remove or secure the following items to create a safe environment:

Items to Put Away or Secure

- Candles (lit or unlit) – kittens can burn themselves or knock them over
- Wax warmers and essential oil diffusers – many oils are toxic to cats
- Houseplants (especially lilies, pothos, philodendron, etc.) – several are poisonous
- Small cords and charging cables – risk of chewing and electrical shock

- Breakable items like glass, ceramics, or décor that can be knocked over
- String-like objects (ribbons, yarn, hair ties) – ingestion can be life-threatening
- Human medications, supplements, and cleaners
- Plastic bags – risk of suffocation
- Open toilet lids – some kittens fall in

PRE-PICKUP REMINDERS

- Schedule a new kitten vet visit within 1–3 days of pickup
- Purchase all supplies at least 2–3 days before bringing kitten home
- Prepare a quiet room for your kitten's first few days-week
- Bring your carrier on pickup day
- Bring the remaining balance in cash

VACCINATIONS & VETERINARY CARE

Your kitten has received their first FVRCP vaccine prior to going home.

They will need their second FVRCP vaccine 2-3 weeks after their first dose, followed by a third dose 2-3 weeks after the second.

Please schedule your kitten's next appointment within the appropriate vaccination window, it will be on your go-home sheet with their vet paperwork.

Vaccine Schedule Overview

- 1st FVRCP: Completed before pickup
- 2nd FVRCP: Due 2–3 weeks after the first shot
- 3rd FVRCP: Due 2–3 weeks after the second shot

After completing the initial series, your veterinarian will advise on the 1-year booster schedule.

Note: Rabies vaccination timing varies by clinic and state; please ask your veterinarian for guidance.

CONTACT

If you have any questions before pickup, feel free to reach out:

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