

# Diamond Lake Ragdolls

## Kitten Care Sheet

Congratulations on your purchase of a Beautiful Ragdoll Kitten! Now what?

Your Ragdoll kitten will grow for 3 years, we recommend free feeding hard kibble for the first year. I have provided enough food for you to gradually switch your kitten over to your food of choice. Please purchase a quality food that has a meat protein as the first ingredient and try and avoid Peas being in the first five ingredients. With a quality food and fresh water, your kitten should not need wet food. **When we send the official kitten care sheet your kitten's food will be listed on there. If you want to keep your kitten on the same food, please wait to buy food until the official care sheet is sent out.** Change the diet gradually over a 7 to 10-day period as their systems can be sensitive to change and can cause diarrhea.

Ragdolls are known for their sweet personalities and size. Please keep in mind that they are still kittens like other cats and they will need trained for your home. We recommend using a water bottle to train them not to get on areas you do not want them, as well as double sided sticky tape on surfaces that you want them to stay off. There are also aids that you can find in pet stores or online that have sensors with an air release that scares the cats away when motion is detected. Scat Mats are an option for counters, I have used scat mats on backs of furniture and shelves, they are very effective and kitty learns very quickly to avoid that area.

Kittens, no matter the breed will be playful, and they do have claws and teeth when in feisty play mode. This does not mean you have a Ragdoll with a bad personality, it means that they want to play like all other cats. We recommend having several toys that stimulate this side of their personalities. They love toys that are interactive and toys with catnip.

Ragdolls also love to be with their humans and thrive on attention, they do not do well being locked up and alone. If a Ragdoll will be home alone frequently, we would highly recommend they have another Ragdoll Friend, another cat or a Doggie friend. If they have their human all day, they will do great as well.

Your new kitten has been raised in our home, socialized and litter box trained. We recommend that you acclimate the kitten to your home in a room where the litter box is located. This will establish where you want them to use it. Please purchase litter with Cat Attract in it to establish good litter box habits in the kitten's new environment. We use Cat Attract litter and its been a great tool in litter box training.

We have found having the corrugated cardboard scratchers are very helpful in curbing a cat wanting to claw furniture. They can be found at most pet stores and places such as Walmart or even Big Lots and Online. We place ours in areas that we notice they want to scratch, and it works wonderful, as you sprinkle the catnip provided with the scratcher on it and they will use it. We also recommend having a cat tree in your home. Cats love to climb, and Ragdolls are not excluded from this, they love to have a place they can climb and sleep.

Please introduce them to nail trimmings early, to take the needle tips off. Also they rarely matt, but get your kitten used to being brushed once a week. They will enjoy the scratches and you will enjoy the hair removal!

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions! Enjoy your Ragdoll!

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