Killen Check-List! What will I need when bringing home my Mittenstar kitten? 👬

□ 1. A Pet Carrier: Size accordingly, so they can grow into it as an adult!

Recommended size (or larger):

22.8"L x 15.0"W x 13.0"H (standard size carrier, will fit them as an adult, feel free to size up!) Smallest size: 17.0"L x 12.0"W x 11.0"H (Carry-on airline sizing. Any smaller won't fit a Ragdoll!) Recommended Example: <u>https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000P6SVJW</u>

2. Food & Water:

PLEASE, ONLY FEED THESE FOODS TO START WITH.

They are what your kitten has been eating and thriving on!

To prevent upset digestion, introduce new foods **slowly**, a little at a time mixed with their current food. **Kibble:** <u>IAMS Proactive Health</u> - Healthy Kitten

Wet Food: (It's fine to use a mix of these varieties, we rotate them here to build a healthy gut biome) <u>Fancy Feast Pate</u> - Chicken, Beef, and Turkey Varieties & <u>Royal Canin</u> Kitten Variety *Links:*

IAMS ProActive Health Kitten Dry Cat Food, 7-lb bag - Chewy.com

FANCY FEAST Poultry & Beef Classic Pate Variety Pack Canned Cat Food, 3-oz, case of 24 - Chewy.com

ROYAL CANIN Feline Health Nutrition Variety Pack Pate Wet Kitten Food, 3-oz can, case of 12 - Chewy.com

- Stainless steel or ceramic shallow bowls, or plates with a raised edge for kibble & wet food

- A large fountain or water tower. **Clean & refresh with new water weekly!** *What we use here:*

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CTH43SKV

□ 3. Litter boxes & Litter:

Have at least one box per cat, plus one extra (1 per cat + 1 rule). Scoop daily! 🔆

- Your kitten currently uses **Tidy Cats Non-Clumping, Unscented Litter**. If you want to transition to a different litter, try mixing the old & new for 2 weeks to help them accept it.

- Litter boxes should be large enough for them to grow into.

Stainless steel pans are what we use and recommend, as they're easy to clean and do not hold smells. **Be cautious with litter robots.** There are documented cases of even adult cats being fatally injured by robot boxes. If you're using one, **disable the automatic rotation until your kitten is at least 6 months old**. Avoid buying off-brand / discount litter robots online.

Recommended: Litter Box Stainless Steel XL: <u>https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B5KSQTPY</u> TIDY CATS 24/7 Performance Scented Non-Clumping Cat Litter, 40-lb bag - Chewy.com

□ 4. Toys, Care Items & Furniture - Shop around and have fun picking things out for your kitten! There are lots of great options in person and online. Stock up on:

Cardboard 'scratching pads', catnip mice, play tunnels, play houses, cat toy wands, pet beds, soft blankets to place over couches/beds/chairs, pet fur brushes, pet nail trimmers, and at least one or two SMALL 'cat trees', or hammocks with scratching posts.

DO NOT use cat trees taller than 4ft.

Kittens don't know their limits - they can and will break bones from heights over 4ft.

Wait until your kitten is 8+ months old before offering larger trees.

H Bonus: A big tree makes a great gift for an older kitten, they'll love having something new to explore! Safe examples:

YAHEETECH 29.5-in Plush Rattan Cat Tree & Condo, Beige - Chewy.com FRISCO 30-in Real Carpet Solid Wood Cat Tree, Beige - Chewy.com