

MINSKIN GROOMING & SKIN CARE

A practical routine for clean, comfortable skin, ears, paws, and nails

Start young and keep it positive

Gentle, consistent grooming during kittenhood helps your Minskin accept baths, nail trims, ear cleaning, and body handling as a normal part of life.

Minskins need regular grooming because their fine coats do not absorb skin oils the way a full coat does. Each cat develops an individual routine based on coat length, skin-oil production, age, and activity.

Routine Wipe-Downs

While your Minskin is a kitten, wipe their face, body, paws, and bottom every few days. Kittens are messy eaters and may need extra cleaning while learning good litter-box habits.

Use a soft cloth or an unscented, cat-safe grooming wipe. As your kitten gets older and becomes better at grooming themselves, they will need fewer wipe-downs.

Pay special attention to:

- The face and chin after meals
- Between the toes and around the paw pads
- The bottom after using the litter box
- Skin folds and areas where oil collects

How Often to Bathe

Bath frequency depends on coat length and how much oil your cat produces. Bathe your Minskin when their skin begins to feel oily or dirt becomes visible.

Kittens need baths every few weeks because they become messy while eating and toileting. Bathing regularly during kittenhood also helps them become comfortable with the routine.

Use products made for cats

Wash with a gentle cat shampoo. Human shampoos and body washes can dry or irritate feline skin.

Preparing the Bath

Use a small pet tub or a clean sink. Prepare everything before bringing your kitten into the bathing area so the process stays calm and efficient.

1**Create secure footing**

Place a folded towel on the bottom of the tub or sink to prevent slipping and help your kitten feel stable.

2**Fill the water first**

Add a shallow amount of comfortably warm water before placing your kitten in the tub. Turn off the faucet because the sound of running water can be frightening.

3**Set up positive rewards**

Offer a lickable treat before, during, and after the bath. A small amount of catnip may be added to the water to encourage relaxation.

4**Keep supplies within reach**

Have cat shampoo, a cup or gentle sprayer, ear wash, towels, conditioner, and treats ready before you begin.

Washing Your Kitten

Place your kitten into the water slowly and support their body at all times. Gently wash the skin, body, paws, tail, and bottom with cat shampoo.

Clean between the toes and around the paw pads, where litter and oils can collect. Pull back the loose skin around each claw so you can clean the visible area around the base of the claw.

Avoid getting cat shampoo or water directly into the eyes, nose, or ears. Cover the ears gently with your hand when rinsing the head and neck.

Rinse thoroughly. Cat shampoo left on the skin can cause dryness, itching, or irritation.

Condition and dry

After the bath, apply a small amount of cat-safe leave-in conditioner to the skin as you would apply lotion. Massage it gently over the body, then wrap your kitten in a warm towel and towel dry. Keep them in a warm room until completely dry.

Ear Cleaning

Minskins can develop oil and wax buildup in their ears because they have little hair to absorb it. After a bath, use a veterinarian-approved cat ear wash as directed to loosen and liquefy the oils.

Use baby-safe ear swabs or a soft cotton pad to clean only the visible parts of the outer ear. Never insert a swab into the ear canal or clean an area you cannot clearly see.

Contact your veterinarian if you notice:

- A strong or unpleasant odor
- Thick, dark, or unusual discharge
- Redness or swelling
- Frequent scratching or head shaking
- Pain when the ears are touched

Weekly Nail and Paw Care

Trim your Minskin's nails once a week. Weekly trims prevent sharp nails and snagging while helping your kitten stay comfortable with paw handling.

Gently press each paw pad to extend the claw. Trim only the clear tip and avoid the pink quick inside the nail.

Pull back the skin around each claw and gently clean the visible nail bed. Litter, dirt, and skin oils can accumulate around the base of the claws. Clean between the toes and around the paw pads with a soft, damp cloth or cat-safe wipe.

Paw warning signs

Contact your veterinarian if you notice redness, swelling, discharge, bleeding, or pain around the claws or paws.

Skin Checks

Check your Minskin's skin during wipe-downs and baths. Look for redness, irritation, dry or flaky patches, pimples, blackheads, scratches, sores, rashes, swelling, unusual lumps, excess oil, or odor.

Do not use human acne products, essential oils, lotions, or medicated creams unless your veterinarian approves them. Products made for people can be unsafe for cats.

Creating a Positive Routine

Keep grooming sessions calm and brief. Handle your kitten's paws, ears, face, and body regularly, even when a full cleaning is not needed.

Use praise, affection, toys, and lickable treats to reward calm behavior. Never punish your kitten or restrain them more than necessary.

Consistency builds confidence

A predictable grooming routine keeps your Minskin clean and comfortable while making future care easier for both you and your cat.