**Kitten Kindergarten (60 min classes) - $125**

**Requirements**

* Age: 6 – 14 weeks
* Have lived at home for minimum of 7 days
* Vet health certificate
* Has received FVRCP 7-10 days prior to first class
* Negative fecal & FeLV
* Free of fleas, ticks, parasites

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| **Topic**  | **Week 1 (no kittens)****Kitty Concepts** | **Week 2:** **Create Happiness** | **Week 3:** **Vet Week!!** | **Week 4:** **Next Steps for Success** |
| **Environment** | * Socialization & the 5 pillars
* Body Language-communication
 | * Environmental enrichment
* Body language-petting
 | * De-stressing trip to the vet clinic
 | * Giving choices as part of building trust
* Schedule
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| **Training** | * Positive reinforcement training (how cats learn)
* Luring/capturing/shaping
* Destressing carriers
 | * Nose targeting
* Train to sit
* Carrier practice
* Harness training
 | * Expose nail & clipper exposure
* Oral medication practice
* Toothbrushing
 | * Come when called
* Hi - 5
* Go to a mat
* Counter climbing
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| **Health care**  | * Considerate approach, touch gradient
* Nail trim foundation: leg & paw handling
 | * Grooming (based on coat type/breed needs)
* Next steps towards nail trims
* Lure onto scale
 | * Mock exam, body handling
* Mock injections
* Eye drops
* Ear cleaning
* Gentle towel restraint
 | * Practice handling for vet visits & nail trims
* Q&A
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| **Discussion** | * Litter box & management
* Biting and scratching – management
* Question: Do you want your cat harness trained?
 | * More meeting a cat’s needs
* Toy types and play methods
* Fear & desensitization
 | * Common health problems
* Common behavior problems
 | * Cat/cat/dog introductions
* Kids & cats: building relationships
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**Week 1**

Environment

* Socialization discussion
* Kittens, cats, dogs & people
* 5 pillars for a health feline environment – meeting cats needs
* Body Language – communication
	+ Review FAS scale

Health Care

* Considerate approach & touch gradient
* Nail trim foundation: leg & paw handling

Training

* Intro to positive reinforcement training & setting expectations for our kittens
	+ Exercise clicker mechanics; capturing
	+ Shaping
	+ Destressing carriers – games: entering the carrier/closing the door

General

* Litterbox
* Biting & scratching
* Harness training, Yes or No?

**Week 2**

Environmental enrichment

* Scent & visual enrichment
* Safety: Perching & hiding
* Food puzzles

Body language - petting

* Review consent to pet

Health Care

* Grooming
* Brushing
* Nail Clips

* Next steps towards nail trims
* Demo giving oral & other medications
* Pill poppers, Churu bites, pill pockets, gelatin capsules
* 1.2.3 method in “happy place”
* Liquid medications

Training

* Nose to target & Sit
* Carrier practice
* Weighing on a scale (luring)
* Harness training (step 1)

General

* More meeting a cat’s needs
* Toys & play
	+ Developing & rewarding appropriate play in kittens, play styles, redirecting
		- Socialize to different people, kittens, cats/dogs (friendly) through play
		- Build confidence & positive association
		- Kittens engage at own pace or not at all
* Fear & desensitization

**Week 3**

Environment

* Destressing a visit to the vet

Health Care

* Mock exam, body handling
* Mock injections
* Eye drops
* Ear cleaning
* Gentle towel restraint

Training

* Expose nail & clipper exposure
* Oral medication practice
* Toothbrushing

Discussion

* Common health problems
* Common behavior problems-when to reach out

**Week 4**

Environment

* Giving choices as part of building trust

Health Care

* Practice handling for vet visits & nail trims

Training

* Come when called
* Harness training

General

* Kids & cats: building relationships
* Cat-cat introductions
* Cat-dog introductions

**Kitten Kindergarten Benefits**

* Early socialization, training and education program for kittens 7-16 weeks
* Teaches life skills and sets them up for success
* How to recognize and prevent common behavior and health problems
* Creates strong bonds
* Safe, controlled environment for exposure to veterinary procedures

**Example Classroom Setups**

