

How Old is That Kitten?

Kittens are adorable at every age, but did you know that figuring how old a kitten is can determine what sort of care they need? It can be tricky to tell, but here's a kitten progression chart to help you out!

<p>Newborn When kittens are first born, they are completely helpless. Their eyes are closed, their ears are folded, and they can't stand, keep themselves warm, eliminate waste, or eat on their own. They rely on mom for everything!</p> 	<p>One Week Darling is starting to become more aware of his surroundings. At about 7 days old, a kitten's ears will unfold and their eyes may start to open.</p> 	<p>Two Weeks Look at those blue eyes! Darling's eyes are fully open, and he is taking his first wobbling steps. Kittens this age start interacting more with each other, but still need mom.</p> 	<p>Three Weeks Darling's now playing with his siblings and getting more mobile. You should be able to tell if kittens are boys or girls. You can start providing a litter box and wet food.</p> 
<p>Four Weeks Look how much Darling has grown! At four weeks kittens are sturdy on their feet and playing with each other, toys, and people.</p> 	<p>Five Weeks Get ready for a lot of fun! Darling is now full of energy and plays exuberantly. Interacting with people is important for kittens at this age. Darling is developing lots of personality!</p> 	<p>Six Weeks Every day Darling is getting surer of himself through socialization and play. He is using the litter box and eating cat food – though he visits mom for snacks and comfort.</p> 	<p>Seven Weeks Darling is almost fully weaned, and continues to play and learn. Being introduced to new people, places in the home, and other pets is an important part of socialization.</p> 



Eight Weeks

Two pounds! Darling now weighs enough to be neutered. He's also getting more skilled and adventurous. Darling is learning so much from his mom, siblings, and human caregiver.

**Nine Weeks**

Looking pretty grown-up, Darling! At this age, kittens are behaving and using their body language like adult cats. Darling is eating all solid food, and his eyes have gone from blue to yellow.

**Ten Weeks**

Darling is fully weaned, neutered, and because he was socialized to people, ready for his loving adoptive home. They grow up so fast!



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