KITTEN DEVELOPMENT

NEWBORN

- Eyes closed ear canals shut
- Umbilical cord until ~5 days

WEIGHT: **75-150g**

BOTTLE FEED: **2-6ml every 2 hours**

1 WEEK

- Eyes closed; open at 8-12 days
- No umbilical cord

WEIGHT: **150-250g**

BOTTLE FEED: **6-10ml every 2-3 hours**

2 WEEKS

- Eyes open; pupils large, irises blue
- No teeth, ears small and rounded

WEIGHT: **250-350g**

BOTTLE FEED: **10-14ml every 3 hours**

3 WEEKS

- Incisors emerging, ears upright
- Discovering litterbox, toddling slowly

WEIGHT: **350-450g**

BOTTLE FEED: **14-18ml every 4 hours**

4 WEEKS

- Canines emerging, ears pointy and large
- Vision improving, walking confidently

WEIGHT: **450-550g**

BOTTLE FEED: **18-22ml every 5 hours**

5 WEEKS

- Premolars emerging, ears proportional
- Weaning gradually onto wet kitten food

WEIGHT: **550-650g**

WEANING: **Offer wet food *and* bottle every 6 hours**

6 WEEKS

- All deciduous teeth have emerged
- Transitioning to adult eye color

WEIGHT: **650-750g**

OFFER WET FOOD: **4 times a day**

7 WEEKS

- As coordinated and playful as an adult
- Adult eye color present

WEIGHT: **750-900g**

OFFER WET FOOD: **3 times a day**

8 WEEKS

- If healthy, can be spayed/neutered and adopted into a loving home!

WEIGHT: **900g+**

OFFER WET FOOD: **3 times a day**

HUSBANDRY TIMELINE

0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8

- Require heat pad → Require toys and enrichment
- Bottle feeding or nursing → Weaning → Weaned
- Require stimulation to potty → Learning litter box → Using litter box

KITTEN LADY

This chart is simply a guideline—every kitten is an individual and their development, health, and care needs may vary. Learn more about kitten care at **KittenLady.org**.

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