

COVID-19 Kitten Alert



COVID-19: My cat's had kittens

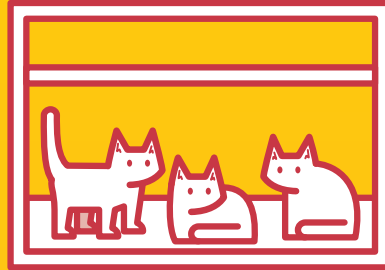
COVID-19 restrictions on travel and access to vets have made it more difficult to get cats neutered and as a result we can expect to see a rise in the number of unplanned litters of kittens this summer.

If your cat has become pregnant, you can find lots of helpful information about keeping your cat and her kittens safe and healthy on our website:

www.cats.org.uk/advice



Getting your kittens ready to rehome



Ensure your kittens are well socialised and stay with mum until at least eight weeks of age

From two to eight weeks old your kittens should be exposed to as many positive experiences in the home as possible to allow them to grow into a healthy, confident, pet cat. Keeping them with mum will ensure the kittens are fully weaned from mum's milk and have learnt everything they need to from her.

Keep kittens indoors until they can be neutered by a vet

Kittens can themselves become pregnant from four months of age so while they are not neutered keep them indoors. This also applies to mum as she should also be neutered when possible to prevent any further litters. Mum cat can become pregnant again very quickly after giving birth and even when she is still nursing her kittens.

Contact Cats Protection

If you find yourself with a pregnant cat or kittens do call us to find out how we can help and advise. If we don't have space to take the kittens in for rehoming ourselves we will advise you what else you might do to find a loving home and how to keep mum and kittens safe in the meantime.



DO NOT advertise your kittens to the public on Facebook

It's against Facebook policies and potentially also invites untrustworthy buyers to enquire. You need to be confident the homes you're sending your kittens to are suitable for their needs. If you do advertise kittens online there is information and advice about how to do this responsibly here: www.paag.org.uk/selling-a-pet

Be aware of any current government guidelines

Social distancing means you can't invite potential buyers into your home to meet your kittens and see them with their mother (which we usually advise where possible). Check the government website as the rules on travel linked to movement of pets vary across the UK. If you are selling kittens commercially you should enquire about getting a licence from the local authority.

Cats Protection is here to help

We have a website filled with useful information for cat owners:

www.cats.org.uk/advice

Please do pass on this useful resource to the new owners of your kittens as there's sure to be helpful advice and ideas for them (and you!).