

Socialisation chart: two to eight weeks

Litter ID: _____

Age on admission: _____

Week beginning: _____

Origin of litter: home/feral/unknown



Week	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gentle handling							
Restrained in hand							
Hold head							
Look in ears							
Examine neck area							
Stroke head, neck, back and tail							
Touch paws and legs							
Lifted up and held							
Collar put on and removed							
Open mouth and examine							
Turn over and stroke belly							
Lift tail and look under							
Examine paws							
Kept apart from littermates for two minutes							
Placed into cat carrier							
Taken in cat carrier into car/van							
Groom with soft brush							
Gently restrained on table							

Surfaces to walk on	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Shiny surface (eg glass)							
Tiles or lino surface							
Rough surface (eg stones)							
Carpet							

Week	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Meeting people							
Female handler 1							
Female handler 2							
Male handler							
Other handler							
Elderly person handler							
Toddler (2 to 5 years)							
Older child (5 to 12 years)							
Teenager							

Sounds	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Radio - music station							
Radio - 'talk' station							
Household sounds CD played							
Aerosol spray (at a distance)							
People shouting							

Litter tray	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Clumping type litter							
Wood-chip type litter							
Soil, peat or sand							
Scented litter							

Scratching post	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bark							
Cardboard							
String							

Week	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Food types							
Flavour 1							
Flavour 2							
Flavour 3							
Flavour 4							

Scent in cage	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cloth smelling of dog							
Cloth smelling of cat (relaxed vaccinated cat)							
Cloth smelling of rabbit							
Cloth smelling of a baby							

Toys	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cardboard box							
Balls/cotton reels							
Empty plastic bottle							
Furry toy (eg 'mouse')							
Toy with bell							

Activities	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Played with string/toy on string							
Recall for a food treat using kitten's name							

Other pets	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Contact with friendly, calm dog							
Visual contact with calm adult cat in cat carrier							