

To all the TFR Manx new moms and dads,

Congratulations on your new furry family member. As you know, Manx are very unique animals. Once you have a Manx in your family no other cat quite measures up. Because we want your new baby to have a long, happy and healthy life, we have some recommendations to ensure the new family gets going on the right track.

Your kitten will come home between eight and twelve weeks old depending on how your baby is growing, this includes eating and being litter box trained. Your baby's nutrition is very important. A Manx's diet should consist of a grain-free kibble and a wet food. Until your kitten is at least six months old, they should have wet food morning and night. After that time, if you choose you can transition your kitten to wet food once a day. I have done extensive research and worked with vets and nutritionists to make sure we give our kids the best chance at a healthy life but we are also aware that costs are important factors. With that in mind, let me introduce you to the best source for pet products:

Hollywood Feed

This allows your food to be delivered to your doorstep and they can provide a higher quality food cheaper than you can shop at your local Petsmart or Petco. Shipping is free for orders over \$ 49.00 and they will autoship at any duration.

Our food choices are:

Kibble – Fromm's Grain- Free

Currently eating– Hasen Duckenpfeffer

Canned – Fussie Cat

Currently eating – Tuna and Ocean Fish
Tuna and Shrimp

The next factor to a happy home, is you deciding what they play with. To ensure that your furniture or your favorite blanket or sweater doesn't get taken by the kitty, it is important to provide them their own toys. Some type of scratching post/cat tower should be considered a must along with balls and toys to pass their time. A stuffed animal to snuggle with will reduce the stress of not having their brothers and sisters near them. Another helpful tool is a nice piece of fleece (can be found at a local fabric store) that they can call their own. Helps them learn where you want them to lay as well as when you are holding them it protects your clothes from little toe nail marks. Fleece works better than a blanket as their tiny nails do not get caught in it as easily.

With regards to veterinary care, I stand with a number of other manx breeders, we do not advocate vaccinating your kitten. We recommend rabies vaccinations only to be done when they are 4 months old and then annually thereafter. Also, please remember that the most leathel factor for your kitten is stress. Take your kitten in for their rabies and at that time schedule their next appointment for their spay/nueter. Manx kittens like to travel, don't risk their health to avoid a trip to the vet.

I know this sounds like bossy parent speak, but our concern is for the welfare of the kitten and a long life with your family. Unfortunalty most of the knowledge contained in this letter was learned the hard way and in more than one instance to the detriment of the baby. We are always here if you have questions or concerns.

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