



## BASIC KITTEN CARE

### ***Determining Age:***

#### **Newborn – 2 Weeks**

- Kittens less than 2 weeks old haven't opened their eyes yet and their ears are also folded over and closed.

#### **2 -3 Weeks Old**

- Kittens 2-3 weeks old have their eyes open and they are able to move around shakily.

#### **3 Weeks +**

- By the time kittens are 3 weeks old, their ears have become erect and they can walk about well. They will also begin showing interest in eating on their own.

### ***Fleas!***

Fleas can easily cause kittens to become anemic and die, but young kittens can't be treated like older cats. A bath in dawn dish soap will help eliminate pesky fleas. You can also use a flea comb or tweezers and kill the fleas with rubbing alcohol.

### ***Body Temperature:***

- Kittens can't regulate their own body temperature until they are about 2 weeks old. Keeping them in a box with a heating pad (set at the lowest setting) on 1 side of the box will help them stay warm.

- It's important to cover the heating pad with blankets or towels and to be sure there is enough room for the kittens to move away from the heat if they get too warm.
- By 3-4 weeks old they can tolerate room temperature between 70/75 degrees Fahrenheit