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Complete Kitten Care



Synopsis

COMPLETE KITTEN CARE is your go-to guide for kittens information on kittens health, new kitten care, and buying a kitten or adopting a stray or shelter kitten for your family. You'll learn all the latest about raising a cat of your dreams, introducing a new kitten to the rest of your family, and enjoy the award winning cute kitten pictures. PRAISE for COMPLETE KITTEN CARE: "What baby expert Dr. Benjamin Spock did for people, kitten expert Amy Shojai has done for cats...Everything you need to know to begin a blissful life with your kitty." --Ed Sayres, President, San Francisco SPCA "A wealth of information for first-time kitten owners. Amy Shojai shows you how to enjoy kittenhood." --Pam Johnson-Bennett, feline behaviorist and author of "Think Like A Cat" "When you purchase a kitten, there should be four requirements by law: food, water dish, litter box, and this book." --Steve Dale, syndicated newspaper columnist "My Pet World" and radio host, Steve Dale's Pet World. Nationally known pet authority Amy Shojai has updated her award-winning book with the latest cat behavior information and kitten care research, including new cat vaccinations guidelines, animal behavior advice, cat language tips and more. This veritable "Kitten101" is packed with all the must-know facts about cats and kitten facts including:

- Choosing a kitten
- Best kittens for adoption
- Kitten breeds and buying kittens
- How to train a kitten
- Understand kitten behavior
- Fixing and preventing common kitten problems
- Toilet training cats and litter training kittens
- How to stop kitten biting and cat hissing
- Understand cat communication, cat body language and cat purrs
- Cat breed guide with care considerations and kitty personality types
- Introducing a kitten to a cat
- Introducing a kitten to a dog
- Kittens food considerations
- Grooming a cat or kitten
- Kitten vaccinations
- Kitten parasites and cat worms
- Kitten spay and neuter
- Cat legends, myths, and fun facts
- Plus a myriad of UPDATED kitten and cat supply resources: the best kitten Websites, cat associations and feline clubs, animal welfare organizations and feline foundations, recommended cat books and kitten magazines, online kitten and cat products sources

Amy Shojai is a certified animal behavior consultant, and appears on Animal Planet's CATS 101 and DOGS 101. She is the author of more than two-dozen award winning pet care books, and also writes the SEPTEMBER DAY dog-viewpoint thrillers.

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Customer Reviews

I have only one problem with how-to books. I don't read them. I buy them. I just don't read them--or instructions, or manuals, or recipes. And if there was one I didn't think I needed to buy or read, it was one on cat care. I've had dozens of cats--weaned, unweaned, rescued half-dead, purchased from breeders, easy-going lap-cats and neurotic curtain climbers. I've always been proud that in the end my cats were sassy and long-lived. However, I recently purchased a Burmese kitten I brought home and planned to spend my Christmas break getting to know him. It did not go well. He immediately darted under a bed and scrambled into a corner of the mattress frame. From there he began a yowling heard throughout the house. The very sight of me sent him into a frenetic shelter search. He was so scared and angry that he growled, yowled, and ate at the same time. By the end of the first week, he was still yowling and I could only get near him if I lay on the floor half under the bed for an hour with a tablespoon of tuna in my hand. I was ready to take him back where he came from, if I could catch him, but I couldn't admit defeat. I finally broke down and bought Amy Shojai's Complete Kitten Care, AND read it. Through Shojai's Complete Kitten Care, which is straight-forward, well written, and covers absolutely everything you need to know about kittens, explained everything I'd been doing wrong, and even why another way was better. I had people traipsing in and out, adult cats were prowling about, and the little guy was absolutely lost in my three

story farm house. Ten days after I read it, my kitten was on my lap or on my shoulder, tangled in my hair and purring. He offered me a good grooming from time to time, and if he scaled a bare leg with his tiny, needle sharp claws on occasion, it was worth every scratch. The bonus is that besides the information I was looking for, I found much that I needed but didn't know it. I discovered the technical aspects of kitten nutrition, why I should feed a kitten a number of small meals a day rather than one or two large ones, and why it wasn't a good idea to give them tuna or cow's milk. I got a lesson in cat hierarchy and its difference from that of other animals, a section that has been extremely valuable in teaching me why my grown cats do what they do. I now know how and why they groom themselves, how to teach them to, if not love, at least to tolerate baths. Now Barney, as he became, is the clown that chases and is chased, that climbs into my bed and under my blanket, and wakes me up with his nose on mine. He's everywhere and into everything. My method might have worked eventually, but really, I might not have had sufficient years left to wait. Shojai's book is filled with information, and, as I said is extremely well written. In addition, she conveys information in a knowledgeable but conversational tone. It was such a joy to read that I may read another how-to book someday. Nah. Probably not.

a great help!! I saved two kittens after their mother abandoned them after a few days and without the book I would have been rather helpless. Only one comment: All the author's advised products, food, utensils, websites etc. are meant for the USA only. There are also many readers from outside the U.S. and those references are not very helpful.....

I bought this book because I was thinking about getting a kitten. This book had everything I think I'll need to know to be a conscientious kitten owner (or, at least, I'll find out after taking the plunge!). The book is written in personable language and is peppered with anecdotes about the author's own cat, so it feels more like having an informative conversation with a veteran cat owner than slogging through a tedious cat manual. At least, that's my opinion. Also, the kindle version was good, with few typos.

I haven't quite finished reading it, but it is very informative and I learned quite a bit even though I've had cats my entire life. It's well written and researched. I have two kittens growing fast!

My 9 year old daughter read this book cover to cover and loved it great info for a new kitten owner.

I call this "the baby book" and still reference it years later. It helped me understand how cats socialize and how they're different from dogs.

I purchased Complete Kitten Care in the Kindle version, since we have been used to adult cats for a long time, and wanted to brush up on raising kittens. The book is extremely well written, well organized, highly informative and a lot of fun to read. Amy Shojai has included a lot of adorable photos of kittens, and she writes with a fantastic sense of humor, so I enjoyed the book on many levels. It is possible to be parents of kitties without such helpful advice, but you and your kittens will be much happier and have a better relationship after reading Complete Kitten Care. She covers everything from preparing to bring your kittens home, choosing your kitten(s), food and snacks, litterbox training, play, training in general, providing appropriate scratching targets and encouraging kitties in their use, health, travel, and plenty of information about emergencies. Some of the most helpful information will be the portions on understanding how kittens view their world and you and how to interpret kitten body language and behavior. Whether you already have kittens or are planning to adopt some, please do yourself and your kitty children a favor and buy Complete Kitten Care. I know I will be referring to the book often for the kittens we will adopt soon.

I like this book very well. It is full of good ideas on how to take care of a kitten. I have a house cat for the first time and I am learning a lot about having a cat in the home. This book and others like it help me to learn to care for my kitten.

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