

Food & Supplements plus Litter & Toys.....all the essentials

FOOD: This kitten is being fed: a diet of raw meat (ground turkey and chicken hearts) The number of times per day will vary with age. 10 wks to 4 months, they should be offered the meat 3 x a day if you can possibly do so. From 4 months to 6 months, they should be getting the meat 2-3 x a day. After a year old, just twice a day is fine. We do encourage owners to continue to feed raw meat, if possible. One has to be extremely careful handling it and to warm it to room temperature from the refrigerator and pick it up after 15 minutes. But meat is the natural diet for cats and our vet bills have cut in half or better since we began feeding raw about year 2000. Never feed more than they can consume within 15 minutes, as raw poultry will grow bacteria. We don't recommend kibble, but the same thing is true for the higher grade, no grain, meat based kibbles....they will spoil or dry out in air because it is made from fresh meat. Store in an airtight container. Always feed a premium quality food w/ human grade meat in it, AVOID: "meat by-products", ground corn,, wheat and beet pulp as ingredients...Cats do not digest grains well.

All cats and Bengals in particular, need meat as the primary part of their diet. Read the diet information pdf for download at www.catinfo.org. [Feeding Your Cat](#) – Short version – 4 pages (updated November 2013).

If you do not have the time or energy to make your own raw diet, an excellent source for a raw diet shipped directly to you is: <https://www.darwinpet.com/>

SUPPLEMENTS: If you are making your own raw diet, we also highly recommend you add these supplements to their raw diet. Something to know about Bengals: **Taurine** The domestic Bengal Cat's wild ancestor, the Asian Leopard Cat (ALC) needs 1500 mg daily of Taurine, 2-3 x what domestic cats need. Taurine is an amino acid. Bengals need some amount per day supplemented because other domestic cats need only 500 mg daily and that amount is what commercial cats foods provide. Turkey meat is high in Taurine, which is the main reason we choose it to feed.

1) The cheapest Taurine to buy that we have identified is the powdered form from ReVival Animal Health. (800) 786-4751 ...Give approximately 250 mg per day or 1/2 teaspoon per day when they are an adult, half that amount to a kitten.

2) Vitamin Supplements: We mix these together and use:

2a) Platinum Performance, Feline, a vitamin supplement which is available from their website: www.platinumperformance.com

2b) Bloom products: Kitty Bloom VM 900 +3 and Kitty Bloom Kalac M34 (calcium)

3) Feline pro-biotic product. There are several good ones: Wysong "Call of the Wild", Missing Link, Purina makes one that vets carry. This is a must have. Give two times a week...or daily if your cat becomes sick....

LITTER: We use deep totes, and wood stove pine pellets which have advantages: they are very cheap (like \$8 for 40 lbs, and completely biodegradable. It can be composted afterwards and used on ornamental garden plants. **NEVER** use clumping clay litters as their tiny dust particles are the number one cause of upper respiratory ailments in cats and if a kitten ingests it, their intestines can become blocked and they will die. In addition, clay litter clogs our landfills to the tune of millions of pounds a year and **NEVER** breaks down, just stratifies.

TOYS: Just make sure there are no small parts that can be chewed off and ingested. ...and no sparkle/glitter toys as they will chew off and swallow the small bits of metal. Don't leave toys out unattended, because Bengals will demolish them....

CAT TREES: Cat trees are loved by all cats, especially if you have more than one cat or multiple rooms the cat goes into There are a number of on-line cat trees available.

PET PRODUCTS online: ReVival Animal Health (800) 786-4751

