

# Buying a Kitten Checklist

Pet ownership may be immensely rewarding but it comes with heavy responsibilities. Before getting a pet, it will be most helpful to go through this checklist with the entire family to ensure that everyone is agreeable and in this together. A pet is a lifetime commitment; not only for the season.

## Responsible Pet Ownership

1. Pets need to be accepted by the entire household
2. Pets need to be taken care of for their entire lives (about 20 years)
3. Pets cost time and money (training, food, veterinary bills, etc.)
4. Pets should not be allowed to disturb others (e.g. they should be kept indoors)
5. Do your research before buying a pet

## Premises

6. Pet shop is licensed by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service ("NParks/AVS") to sell kittens. Grade decal issued by NParks/AVS should be displayed prominently.
7. Pet shop premises is clean.

## Pet Shop's Handling/Knowledge of Kittens

8. Shop owner or attendant is able to handle the kittens confidently and correctly.
9. Shop owner or attendant is knowledgeable about the kittens and their care.

## Behaviour/Condition of the Kitten

10. Kitten looks bright and alert.
11. Kitten stands and moves naturally and comfortably.
12. Kitten is in good physical condition.
13. Kitten's eyes, nose and ears are clean and free from excessive discharge.
14. Kitten's coat appears clean and lustrous with no obvious hair loss.
15. Kitten does not scratch or chew itself excessively.



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## Regulatory

- 16. Kitten must be microchipped
- 17. Kitten must have a vaccination card with details such as microchip number, vaccination and etc.
- 18. The pet retailer and pet owner must complete the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service ("NParks/AVS") Pet Purchase Declaration (PPD) form in the system (PALS).

## Healthcare

- 19. Kitten has received at least 2 vaccinations against feline *rhinotracheitis* virus, *calicivirus* and *panleukopenia* virus. (Please request to view vaccination certificate from pet shop staff.)
- 20. Kitten kept at the shop must be at least 12 weeks old and has received two vaccinations and rested one week following the second vaccination.
- 21. Kitten was imported not less than 72 hours earlier. (For imported kittens)
- 22. Kitten has been dewormed. (Check vaccination certificate)
- 23. Kitten is free from external parasites, i.e. fleas & mites.

Note:  
These guidelines are intended to help you choose an animal that is healthy and suitable for you. We would advise that if any of the boxes is not ticked, you should reconsider your purchase and/or consult a veterinarian. If you have any queries please contact us at 1800 476 1600 or [animal\\_feedback@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:animal_feedback@nparks.gov.sg).

