

Kitten
BASICS

OHLONE HUMANE SOCIETY

KITTEN ESSENTIALS



Food and Water Bowls



Toys



Brush



Veterinarians



Other Pets to Snuggle



Collar



Cozy Bed



Family to Love



READING KITTEN Body Language



I AM HAPPY

Ears and Head Up

Tail Up & Wagging

Body Relaxed

I AM SAD/UNSURE

Ears and Head Down

Turn Away, Breathe Fast

Hiding, Tail Down & Tucked



I AM ANGRY/SCARED

Hissing, Growling, Very Still

Trembling, Eyes Wide, Puffy Tail

Hair on Back Standing Up

WHAT ARE THESE KITTENS TELLING YOU?



Playful



Ready to run



Stay back!



Scared

SAFE TO PET?

(with permission of an adult)

YES



NO



PREPARING A HOME FOR YOUR KITTEN(S)

- **Set up a SEPARATE room initially and a space where the kittens can see you and the household activity, but still be safe --example is a mesh-sided playpen**
- **Find a space where it is quiet if the kitten needs some rest**
- **Close toilet lids, closet doors, and drawers**
- **Make a special feeding and water area with small shallow secure bowls that will not tip**
- **Provide a litter box & kitten-safe litter (not clumping)**
- **Scratching pads or posts**
- **Colorful springy, feathery, ball or string toys to bat and fling but cannot swallow small pieces**
- **Introduce slowly to other pets in the home**

Meow~



HMMM, WHICH DO I LIKE?

I Am Different From Any Other Kitten!

A kitten will show you what they like! They may prefer the litter box a certain way or special food or in a special bowl. It's up to you to find out!

What do I like to eat?

If I don't like to eat the food you put out, maybe you can try another kind! Pate, shred, dry, chicken, fish, grain-free...many kinds of food and different bowls.



What kind of litter box do I like?

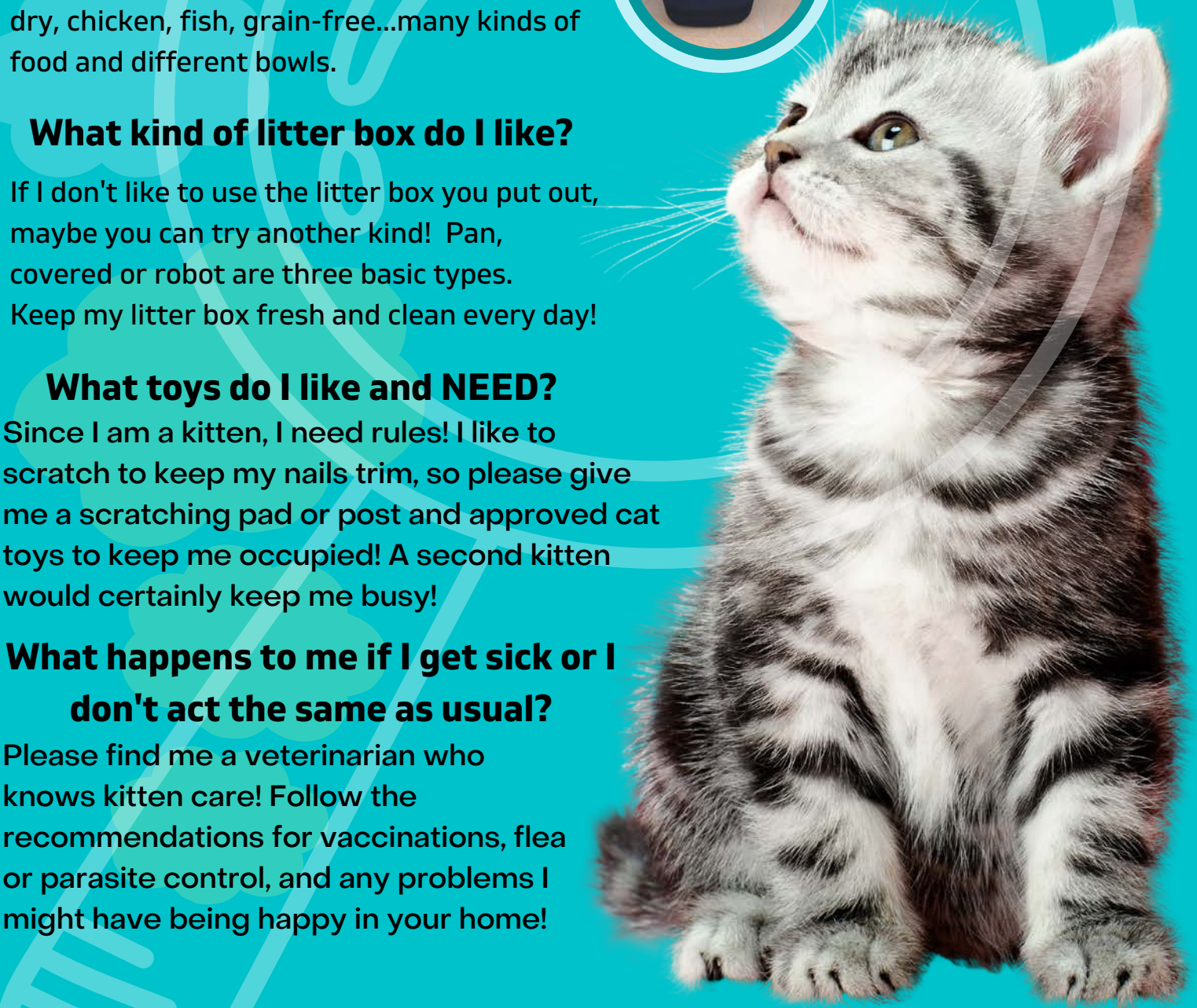
If I don't like to use the litter box you put out, maybe you can try another kind! Pan, covered or robot are three basic types. Keep my litter box fresh and clean every day!

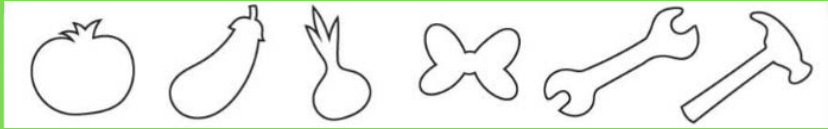
What toys do I like and NEED?

Since I am a kitten, I need rules! I like to scratch to keep my nails trim, so please give me a scratching pad or post and approved cat toys to keep me occupied! A second kitten would certainly keep me busy!

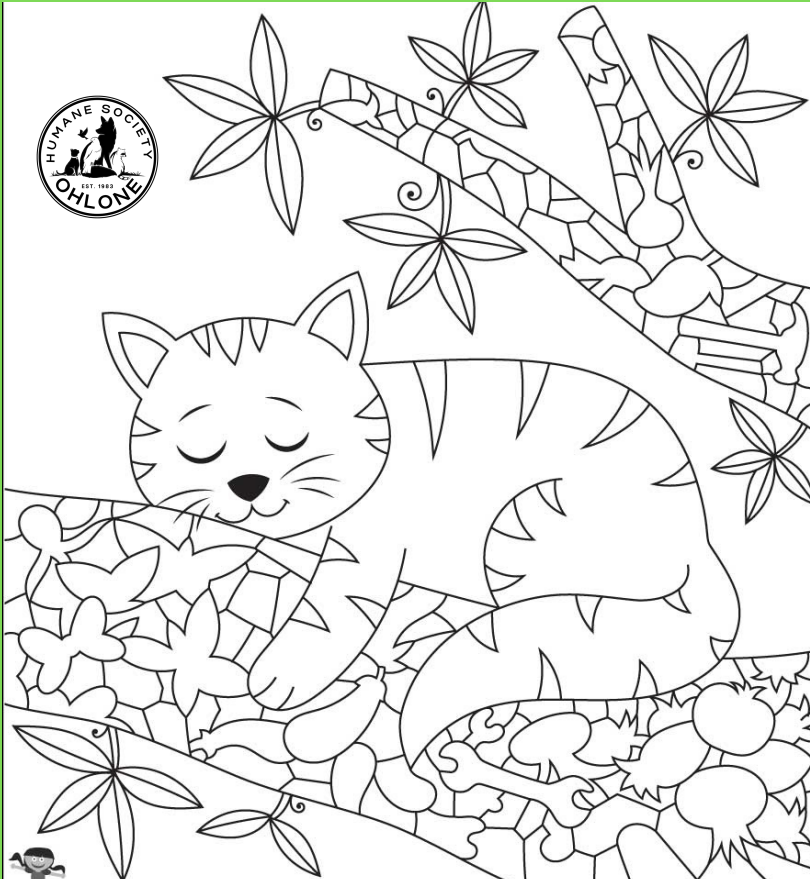
What happens to me if I get sick or I don't act the same as usual?

Please find me a veterinarian who knows kitten care! Follow the recommendations for vaccinations, flea or parasite control, and any problems I might have being happy in your home!

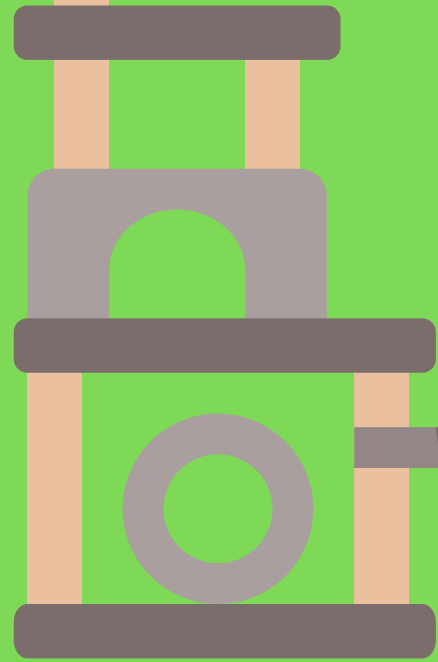




Can you find these objects hidden near the sleeping kitten?



*Spay/Neuter,
Vaccinate &
Microchip Your
Kitten*



**ADOPT FROM
A RESCUE OR
SHELTER!**



EDUCATE!

