

UNIT ONE – QUESTION TWO

(Chapter 1 – Bringing Home a New Cat)

1 When choosing a new cat, name _____ advantage(s) to choosing a kitten.

- Easy to train
- Adjusts to new home quickly
- Playful, fun to watch

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2 When choosing a new cat, what is/are _____ advantages to choosing an older cat?

- Quieter than kittens
- Already trained

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3 When choosing a cat, what is an advantage to choosing a short-haired cat?

- They require little brushing

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4 When choosing a cat, name _____ advantage(s) to choosing a long-haired cat.

- Generally more calm
- They are more showy

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5 When choosing a cat, what is a disadvantage to choosing a long-haired cat?

- They require daily brushing and combing

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6 When choosing a cat, name _____ advantage(s) to choosing a male cat.

- Males are usually friendlier
- Neutering a male is usually cheaper than spaying a female

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7 Which is generally larger, a male or female cat?

- Male

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8 List _____ things you should do when introducing a new pet.

--Confine first pet 3 while new pet explores, then pick up new pet and release first pet.

--Give each pet its own bowl of food

--Clip claws before introducing pets

--Have a blanket ready to throw over them if they get into a fight

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(Unit One-Chapter Two-Equipment)

9 Why should you not allow a cat to be loose in a car?

--It could distract the driver and cause an accident

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10 Name _____ characteristics of a good carrier.

--Well-ventilated

--Large enough for the cat to turn around in

--Easy to clean

--Light weight

--Sturdy handles and latches

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11 What are the best materials to use in a cat carrier?

--Plastic

--Wire mesh

--Wood

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12 When is it okay to use a cardboard carrier?

--On short trips, such as going to the veterinarian or a 4-H meeting.

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13 What should you do before putting a cat in a carrier?

--Cover the bottom with a clean towel

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1 What can you use for a cat bed if you don't have one?

--A cardboard box with a blanket or cushion

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2 Why should you wash a cat bed blanket often?

--Keep it clean
--Keep it free of fleas

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3 Name _____ characteristics of a good cat bed.

--Big enough for a cat to turn around in
--Sides high enough so cat feels cozy and safe

--Contains a warm washable blanket

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4 How do you keep a cat bed free of fleas?

--Wash the blanket frequently

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5 Where should a cat bed be located?

--warm, quiet, free of drafts
--several inches off the floor to avoid drafts, cold and dampness

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6 What can be used for a litter box?

--Specially made litter box
--Plastic pan
--Enameled pan

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7 How big should a litter box be?

--Big enough for cat to turn around in, but still keep their back end in the box
--Deep enough so litter doesn't spill
--About 14 inches square and 6 inches deep

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8 How deep should litter be in a litter box?

--About two inches

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9 Name _____ things you can use for litter.

--Sand
--Shredded newspaper
--Wood shavings
--Commercial cat litter

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10 What is the advantage of using commercial litter?

--Isn't as messy
--Doesn't smell as badly

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11 What should you avoid if using commercial cat litter?

--Scented litter because some cats don't like it and may refuse to use the litter box.

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12 How often should a litter box be disinfected?

--At least once per month

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13 What is a good way to disinfect a litter box?

--Use a disinfectant that will not hurt the cat such as dilute bleach. Air the box well before replacing the litter.

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14 What should you do if your cat scratches the furniture?

--Train it to use a scratching post

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15 Name _____ things a cat does when scratching a scratching post, tree or piece of wood.

--Sharpen claws
--Shed dead nail and cuticle
--Mark territory with scent from paw pads
--Exercise leg muscles

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1 How can you encourage your cat to use a scratching post?

- Place in a prominent position
- Put a catnip toy on top
- Spray it with catnip spray

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2 What might happen if a collar or harness is too loose?

--Cat might get it caught in the cat's mouth

- Leg might get caught in it
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3 What might happen if a cat's collar or harness is too tight?

- Cat might choke
- Neck fur might be rubbed off

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4 Why is using a flea collar not a good idea?

--It may cause a rash or make the cat sick

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5 What is the safest style of harness?

- The "H" style

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6 What should a leash be made of?

- Lightweight leather or nylon

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7 What should a harness be made of?

- Soft leather, nylon, elastic

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8 Name _____ grooming tool(s) you will need for a short-haired cat.

- Natural bristle brush
- Fine toothed flea comb
- Chamois or silk/nylon cloth or pad
- Nail clippers

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9 Name _____ grooming tool(s) you will need for a long-haired cat.

- Wide toothed metal comb
- Mat splitter (or crochet hook or seam ripper)

--Fine toothed flea comb

--Nail clippers

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10 Name _____ items you need in a kitty first aid kit.

--rectal thermometer

11 Petroleum jelly/sterile lubrication gel

--Medicine dropped --

Alcohol/hydrogen peroxide

--Cotton balls and swabs --

Bandages and gauze

--Antiseptic (for animals) --

Hairball medication

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(Unit One-Chapter 7-Vocabulary)

(All questions and answers are found on page 15)

11 What is a natural breed?

- One that developed by itself over a period of time

12 What is a breed that has developed by itself over a period of time called?

--Natural

13 What is done when a cat is neutered?

- A male cat's sex organs are removed so it cannot make a female cat pregnant.

14 What does a cat have when it is fed an even mixture of food needed for good nutrition?

--A balanced diet

15 What is a deficiency?

--A lack of some important nutrients

16 What does indigestible mean?

--Not usable by the body

1 If something is not usable by the body it is said to be what?
--Indigestible

2 What does lactating mean?
--Producing milk to feed young mammals

3 What do we call the producing of milk to feed young mammals?
--Lactating

4 What is a mat?
--Thick tangled mass of hair

5 What do we call a thick, tangled mass of hair?
--Mat

6 What is a mutation?
--A change in a breed that alters a characteristic

7 What is a change in a breed that alters a characteristic called?
--Mutation

8 What is diarrhea?
--Frequent passing of watery feces

9 What do we call the frequent passing of watery feces?
--Diarrhea

10 What is to disinfect?
--To kill germs and bacteria

11 What do you do to kill germs and bacteria?
--Disinfect

12 What are feces?
--Solid body wastes

13 What do we call solid body waste?
--Feces

14 What does altered mean?
--A cat that has been spayed or neutered.

15 What do we call a cat that has been spayed or neutered?
--Altered

16 What is a balanced diet?
--Even mixture of food needed for good nutrition

17 What is a bladder stone?
--A small rock-like formation formed from minerals

18 What is a chamois?
--A soft piece of leather

19 What is constipation?
--Feces are hard, dry and difficult to pass

20 What is a diagnosis?
--The cause and type of illness determined by a veterinarian

21 What do we call it when feces are hard, dry and difficult to pass?
--Constipation

22 What do we call it when a veterinarian has determined a cause and/or type of illness?
--Diagnosis

23 What is Distemper-Rhino?
--The first shot (immunization, vaccination) given to a kitten
--FVCRP

24 What is a hairball?
--Mass of loose hair caught in the stomach or intestines

25 What do we call a mass of loose hair caught in the stomach?
--Hairball

- 1 What is a hybrid?
--A crossing of two or more breeds to create a new breed.
- 2 What do we call a breed that has been created by the crossing of 2 or more breeds?
--Hybrid
- 3 What does immune mean?
--Protected against disease
- 4 What do we call it when an animal is protected from disease?
--Immune
- 5 What is palatability?
--Tastiness
- 6 What is protein?
--A substance made up of amino acids required for life processes
- 7 What is nutrition?
--The process by which a cat takes in and uses food
- 8 What is a rash?
--Bumps or welts on the skin
- 9 What does reflect mean?
--To throw back light
- 10 What does reputable mean?
--Able to be trusted
- 11 What is done when a cat is spayed?
--A female cat's sex organs are surgically removed so it cannot have kittens
What does sterilized mean?
--Being made incapable of producing kittens
- 12 What is a vaccine?
--A substance that makes an animal immune to a disease
- 13 What do we call the substance that makes an animal immune to a disease?
--Vaccine
- 14 What is tartar?
--A hard coating that forms on the teeth
- 15 What do we call the hard substance that forms on the teeth?
--Tartar
- 16 What does transfer mean?
--To pass from one location to another
- 17 What does transmitted mean?
--Passed from one to another like the common cold
- 18 What is urine?
--Liquid body waste
- 19 What do we call liquid body waste?
--Urine
- 20 What do we call a licensed professional who medically or surgically treats animals?
--Veterinarian
- 21 Define veterinarian.
--A licensed professional who medically or surgically treats animals.