

Micronesian Exotic Animal Specialty Services

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KITTEN AND POST BIRTHING SCHEDULE

At Wise Owl, we offer you *Quality Kitten Care*. We do not charge you for the minor things like toe nail trims and ear cleaning when your kitten is being vaccinated at our clinic. After your first kitten visit, we do not charge for any rechecks, doctor fees, regular deworming or fecal tests. All are free of charge until the kitten vaccines are completed. So for *Quality Kitten Care*, see us at Wise Owl Animal Hospital.

Immediately to 48 hrs after birthing

Dr. Exam of Mother & Kittens	*\$39 exam fee
Cleanout shot(s) for Mother	\$30 - \$48 for 2 injections (if needed)
Vitamin/mineral supplement	\$12 - \$59 (if needed)
	*Exam fee covers mother & kittens until fully weaned

8 - 10 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Kittens	
Deworming of all Kittens	\$5 per kitten

21 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Kittens	
Deworming of all Kittens	\$5 per kitten



At 21 days of age kittens should be started on kitten food mixed with water (not milk.) This does not mean you stop them from nursing on Mom. Even though the kittens do not have teeth yet, the kittens can still eat the food. Often by 4 weeks old many kittens have teeth. When 4 weeks old, Mom will start to reject their desires/Attempts to nurse because the teeth are chewing on her breasts. Starting kitten food at 21 days of age makes it easier on the mother and kittens.

37 - 42 days old

Dr. Exam of Mother & Kittens	
Deworming of all Kittens	
Fecal (parasite) Test	\$59 per kitten
First Vaccine	\$56 per kitten if 4 kittens or more



Every 3- 4 weeks until over 14 weeks old

Vaccines and deworming	\$59 per kitten
	\$56 per kitten if 4 kittens or more

It is important that you choose an effective internal and external parasite prevention to keep your cat healthy and happy!

***Remember to keep feeding the mother KITTEN FOOD during the pregnancy and nursing periods! ***

PRENATAL CARE FOR YOUR CAT AND KITTENS

Taking good care of your female cat before pregnancy, during pregnancy, and while nursing results in healthier mothers and kittens and lower costs to you. It is all based around good nutrition, clean housing, and preventing internal (worms) and external (fleas and ticks) parasites.

When should you breed your cat? At what age can you breed your cat?

Try to record the date you breed your cat. This is an important date since we cannot accurately determine when your cat will give birth without this date being known. WRITE THE DATE DOWN. If you do not know the exact date, make your best guess.

Cats are pregnant for 9 weeks. (Humans – 9 months/Cats – 9 weeks, EASY TO REMEMBER) Your cat should not be bred before she is 2 years old. You will hear that it is okay to breed at the second heat or many other variations of age. However, cats that are bred less than 2 years of age essentially are having a teenage pregnancy. We have all heard of teenage girls becoming pregnant less than 17 or 18 years of age. Who raises the child? The grandmother raises the child because the young girl is just that – young. The same is true of cats, and frequently YOU will end up raising the litter of kittens.

When the cat is bred less than 2 years of age, she is prone to do inappropriate acts, such as eating kittens, stepping on kittens and in one way or another killing and maiming kittens. The worst part is that once they have learned to do this wrong behavior; they will repeat it at almost every litter in the future.

Diet: During Pregnancy:

As soon as your female cat goes into heat, you should start her on a high quality kitten food. Hopefully, this is as early as when she starts going into heat. If not then, then start as soon as you can.

Yes, kitten food! There are kittens inside of her, and you are feeding kittens. So feed kitten food! We recommend the “Kitten Food” from quality brands such as Nutro, IAMS, Eukanuba, and Science Diet. We like Nutro best as the smell in the litter box is very minimal. Remember, just like with children the most important thing during the prenatal period is nutrition. Nutrition! Nutrition! Nutrition!

Diet: During Nursing (Lactation):

Nursing is 3 – 5 times more stressful on the mother’s body than regular life. Pregnancy is only twice as stressful. Thus, feeding quality food during the lactation is very, very important. Once again, you are feeding kittens, *so feed kitten food!* The same considerations on feeding during pregnancy apply during nursing, except you should make the food available at all times.

When changing foods, mix the new and old foods together for at least 1 week. This will avoid diarrhea that frequently accompanies a change in diet.

Cleanliness:

Everything associated with the mother and kittens should be clean and dry. If not, make it so. Do not be afraid to bathe the kittens. Just make sure you use kitten shampoo, warm water, and then dry them fully and quickly. As an alternative, baby wipes are acceptable. Kittens stay healthier when they are clean and dry.

Internal Parasites:

Please ensure that the mother is on heartworm, roundworm, and hookworm prevention. A dose of Revolution for cats once a month is effective and safe to apply during pregnancy and nursing. We strongly recommend *every* cat get a dose of Revolution every month of their life to prevent any illnesses due to worms (parasites).

External Parasites:

Keep ticks and fleas off the mother and kittens. Parasites are not normal and can cause severe illnesses. We recommend Revolution or EasySpot during pregnancy and nursing.

When should you schedule prenatal checkups?

At 28 – 30 days after the first breeding, we can palpate the presence of kittens and confirm a pregnancy.

At 55 days after the first breeding, have the mother x-rayed to determine the health, status, and quantity of kittens that are to be born. This simple test has saved many kittens and the mother.

How to tell if the mother is ready to give birth?

When the mother is getting ready to give birth, her body temperature drop to 98.5° Fahrenheit or lower. Once this temperature is reached, she will deliver kittens within 24 hours. Also, her temperature will go back to normal within 18 hours. If you take her temperature (rectally) twice a day during her last week of pregnancy, you will usually not miss this temperature drop.