

# Kitten Age Progression

## 1 Day Old

Eyes closed, can not stand. Ears folded. When they are 1-3 days old the umbilical cord is still attached.



## 3 Days Old

Eyes closed, can not stand and their ears are starting to unfold.



## 6 Days Old

Their eyes are starting to open, and they are starting to crawl around.



### 1 Week Old

Their eyes are almost completely open and blue.



### 8 Days Old

When they are around 8 days old, they are becoming more aware.



### 12 Days Old

They are starting to crawl away from their mother more, and starting look very alert. And they are starting to walk.



### 2 Weeks Old

Both eyes and ears should be beginning to open completely until the 3rd week.



### 3 Weeks Old

Their ears and eyes should be completely open.



### 4 Weeks Old

The kittens begin to start play and exploring their surroundings.





**5 Weeks Old**

By now they should be pretty confident on their feet.



**6 Weeks Old**

Being active!



**7 Weeks Old**



**8 Weeks Old**

All baby teeth should have come in by now.



**9 weeks Old**



**10 Weeks Old**

By now they should be weighing 2 lbs (0,9kg)



**12 Weeks Old**

Their eye color should change to their adult color and it's the best time to adopt a kitten.

**20 Weeks Old**

The kitten's suckling reflex begins to subside.

**24 Weeks Old**

Kittens begin to experience a decrease in growth rate!

**32 Weeks Old**

Depending on the breed, they should reach their adult size, and by 36 weeks they have reached their sexual maturity. When they are 52 weeks old, they should be their full adult size!

## More tips!



*Showing off his baby teeth!*

## Teeth

### Baby teeth:

2 weeks – Deciduous incisors (the small teeth at the front) begin to come in.

3 – 4 weeks – Deciduous canines (the long, pointy teeth next to the front teeth) begin to come in.

4 – 6 weeks – Deciduous pre-molars (also known as bicuspids, these are the teeth located between the canine and molar teeth) begin to come in.

8 weeks – All baby teeth have come in.

### Adult teeth:

12 – 16 weeks – Incisors come in.

4 – 6 months – Canines, pre-molars & molars come in.

7 months – All adult teeth should be fully developed.

## Eyes

Kittens are born blind, but after a week their eyes begin to open and after ten days their eyes should be completely opened. Kittens are all born with blue eyes, which will gradually change color as they mature. The eyes will usually change and settle 7 weeks after birth. If the orphaned kitten still has blue eyes, it is probably under 7 weeks of age.

## Litterboxing

Very young kittens — under the age of 3 weeks — will not be litterbox/toilet trained and will need to be stimulated to pass a bowel movement along with urine. (*Observe the kitten to see if it's trying to use the litter tray. If not, use a moist paper towel or a wet flannel, which will resemble the mother's tongue, and massage it over the kitten's bottom until the kitten has passed a bowel movement or urine.*)