

CHEAT SHEET - ADOPTING A KITTEN

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| | Before adopting a kitten, find out about the breed before you start your adoption process. Ask breeders to tell you about the character of the breed as well as their cats to see if the breed fits your lifestyle. |
| | Look for certified breeders (webpages, Facebook, Instagram, etc) |
| | Ask to visit the breeder. However, expect conditions during visits so as not to contaminate the breeder (shower before going to the breeder, do not touch your animals at home before leaving, clean clothes without contact with your animals, purrel before coming in, etc) |
| | Ask to see the pedigrees and parents of your future kitten. |
| | If multiple kittens are available, ask to spend time with them to interact with them and see which one best suits your character. |
| | Breeding condition (cage use, number of breeding cats, number of litters per year. * Normally, a cat should not have more than one litter per year or even a year and a half. |
| | Do you have to put a deposit? |
| | Do you have a contract? If so, what are the conditions? |
| | Up-to-date vaccines |
| | Dewormers |
| | Sterilization |
| | Registered to a feline association? (CFA, TICA, CCA, CCC, LOOF) |
| | Guarantee on genetic disease |
| | 10-14 day guarantee to have the kitten seen by your vet (this should be mandatory) |
| | Declawing clause / non reproduction clause |
| | Number of weeks before departure (Normally between 12 and 16 weeks, not before for social weaning) |
| | Support from the breeder if there is a problem or illness? |
| | Does the breeder test his cats for genetic diseases associated with his breed? |

