

Feline Care and Nutrition - Diploma



The course is divided into four modules covering the topics listed below:

Module 1

Preparing to own a cat
Choosing a cat
Exercise and basic training, toys
Toilet training
Vaccination and the diseases they prevent
The importance of worming programmes – a brief introduction to round and tapeworms
Keeping your cat flea free – the flea life cycle you need to break
Feeding the kitten and adult cat

Module 2

Health care, what to look for to check your cat is healthy or not

Common disorders
Nutritional disorders
Other parasites you should be aware of
First Aid
Putting together a first aid kit
The elderly cat, extra care and feeding

Module 3

Anatomy and physiology of digestion
The feline digestive system, dentition, structure of the tooth
The cat's tongue, the passage of food
The liver and its part in digestion
The purpose of food and nutrients
Carbohydrates, fats, proteins, fibre, vitamins, minerals and water
Specific needs for cats. Taurine.

Module 4

The cat's natural nutritional requirements; the kitten's diet
Artificial feeding aids. Comparison between different milks. How to feed an orphaned kitten. Feeding schedules
Average kitten weight gain over the first seven weeks
Pregnant queens, supplements and special diets
Daily requirements of healthy cats
Commercial foods, dry food, soft moist food, balanced canned foods
Speciality/gourmet foods
The wild cat's diet
Ingredients for a home produced diet for cats

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