

ITEMS FOR YOUR NEW PROCURL HAREM KITTEN APRIL 2011

LITTER-Crystal silica litter of any brand is what we use because it omits entirely any urine smell, has no dust, doesn't track, and is flushable. Get one that has not much blue color mixed in if possible and a larger chunk. Second choice is a scoopable clumping type like Fresh Step, but it is NOT for flushing. NEVER use clay litters- very dusty- not odor free, and can cause sneezing and runny eyes in cats and kittens.

Advice: Stick to one litter and not the Pine stuff or World's Best Cat Litter. It is NOT the best choice, it stinks because it is made from corn (which when wet smells like rancid food) and tracks all over.

LITTER BOX-Use largest hooded box or box with rim to keep litter from scattering. Use a litter mat in front of the box entrance to minimize clean up. Get a good scoop with big holes and a dustpan for carrying CRYSTAL litter to the john.

LITTER LINERS-Johnny Cat. Fits all boxes, and the thickest made for claws digging to China. Not necessary if using scoopable clumping litter as it stays in the box, which should be scrubbed out every few months with soap and water

WET FOOD- For kittens, use 3 oz. can Fancy Feast grilled turkey, beef, or chicken 2X day along with dry all day. They also like Turkey & Giblets from Trader Joe's 7 oz. after altered, along with either Friskies Prime Filet of Beef or Chicken with Gravy. If you refer to change foods to your liking, gradually mix in with Fancy Feast over a week so no loose stools result. When they like something stay with it because they are getting nutrition. EVO is a great natural food but very expensive. NO MILK-loose stools will definitely result. No table or people food, just occasional fresh turkey or chicken OK. If not in NYC, use BOTTLED WATER for first week, gradually mixing in your tap water over 2 wks. Intestines have to get used to new water. Don't worry about loose stools first week. Stick to what they eat. Another better food is INNOVA wet.

DRY FOOD- EUKANUBA KITTEN until altered or spayed at 6-7 months old. Then 1/4 cup adult 2 times a day EUKANUBA Adult chicken or Lamb. Always give wet food in addition 2 times a day throughout life. Giving dry only can cause urinary blockage. If you prefer to use another natural brand mix in slowly over a week. Leave dry food down ALL DAY for a kitten next to LARGE glass bowl of water changed daily. No plastic bowls ever for food. Put several glass bowls of water throughout your home as kitties like to have private places to drink. Change all water daily.

TREATS-Offer freeze dried chicken Live-a-Littles from pet store (they LOVE this, refrigerate after opening) also Kitty Caviar bonita flakes. Curls can be taught to fetch, so reinforce with treats and congratulations. All Curls will learn easily if taught early. Be patient and do routine daily.

NOTE: Put a 1/2 stick of REAL butter in a dish left down all day for Curlie to lick when they feel like it for reducing shedding, produces shiny coats and is a great source of B vitamins and amino acids. A MUST all year and, they will not gain weight.

EAR CLEANING-Epi-Otic from Revival Pet supply Item #86-013 \$7.49 800-786-4751 revivalanimal.com or a comparable non-alcohol ear cleaner. Put the liquid on a Fran Wilson Eye Tees swab (available at drug stores in make-up section or www.franwilson.com) Glide the pointy tip gently UP the furrows of the ear from canal opening UP until ears looks clean. NOT into canal as it can push wax further down canals. Check ears every month OR when noticeably waxy. Do not use Johnson & Johnson swabs. Ends come off in ears!! NEVER put liquids into Curl ears unless prescribed by a vet. Canals are somewhat narrow and it is very uncomfortable for Curlie to shake out and could cause inner ear problems. Only OTOMAX ointment for simple infections with prescription from www.kvvet.com. NOTE: Sometimes there is yeast under the wax and is usually a result of not being able to properly clean the inner canals. This is regarded as FUNGAL since the ears are yeast producing and stenotic, and the canals are not straight. USE ZYMOX OTC prescribed by your vet- ONE DROP DAILY IN EACH EAR FOR 2 WEEKS. Not for pregnant or lactating cats. That should clear any black discharge forever.

COAT MANAGEMENT-Natural bristle brush for daily skin and fur management porcupine style to stimulate skin oils for luster. Curls shed very little naturally and usually do not mat. Work occasional mats with metal comb turned sideways and gently lift. They LOVE brushing -also cuts down on shedding, keeping coats silky and shiny.

NAIL CLIPPERS- CLIP TIPS ONLY- every 10 days or when needed. Ensures a happy relationship. www.revivalanimal.com #47-765 \$5.99

CARRIERS if FLYING IN TO GET YOUR KITTEN:

Try Amazon:http://www.amazon.com/Sherpa-Legacy-Ultimate-Pet-Bag/dp/B000GBXFE6/ref=pd_sim_dbs_k_6

TOYS - Before kitten arrives or asap MUST HAVE a tall cat tree at least 5-6 ft tall with rims on platforms so curlie does not fall off. Poles must have SISAL or ROPE. Carpeted poles serve no purpose at all as cats need resistance to strengthen muscles genetically. Your new kitten was trained on a cat tree and scratching posts and does not even know what scratching a couch is unless you do not have a tree for them. They must climb and scratch something, so get one!! Everyone will be happy. www.wadescattrees.com or local pet store for tall tree at least 6 feet with rims so curly will not fall off. Just google cat trees. Put feathered toys away after use. NEVER use string of any kind to play with. Can cause choking. Exercise is most important, so play with your Curlie daily-- like you have a choice. They love interaction.

PLEASE call me with any questions, no matter how small. ENJOY your new Curl experience and you too will be saying that these are not cats, but a gift of Mother Nature's special recipes. 212-598-0018 www.procurlharem.com caroline9@earthlink.net