



August Newsletter

Make Your Home Safe For A New Kitten

Pay attention to the dangers your kitten faces in your home. We can read labels and understand that chemicals are dangerous if taken internally, but your kitten can't read.

Kittens use their senses to explore their surroundings. The sense of taste could get them into trouble in a hurry. Your kitten can't tell the difference between harmless liquids and killer chemicals.

Your kitten may not like the smell of a peeled orange but love the smell of antifreeze. Curiosity could also lead her to long forgotten places that might have residue of rat poison, lawn chemicals, discarded razor blades or other items that have been abandoned.

Even some house plants can be toxic to your kitten. Ask your veterinarian or check with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for a list of potentially poisonous plants in your area and eliminate them.

Store medications in a locked cabinet. Aspirin, acetaminophen and other medications are toxic. Also lock up household cleaners, antifreeze, insect or mouse poison or traps.

Kittens love to chew on and play with small objects, which can cause choking or internal damage. String is especially hazardous to your kitten because they are naturally attracted to it. Sewing kits, paper clips, rubber bands, pins and other small sharp objects need to be put out of the kittens reach.

Electrical cords should be blocked or covered so your kitten isn't tempted to chew on them.

If you have breakables setting around and you don't want them broke, set them in a place where your kitten can't get to them. Make sure your heavy objects are at a low enough level that if they should get tipped over it won't cause serious harm to your kitten. If you have cords on your blinds, tie them up so your cat doesn't become entangled in them.

Create a fun and safe home for your kitten.

On The Lighter Side!

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

Golden Retriever:

The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

Border Collie:

Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Lab:

Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I?

Jack Russell Terrier:

I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Doberman Pinscher:

While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch.

Boxer:

Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

Pointer:

I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.

Australian Shepherd:

First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle.

German Shepard:

Alright, everyone stop where you are! Who busted the light? I SAID, "STOP WHERE YOU ARE!!!"

Cat:

Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the question is: How long will it be before I can expect light?

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