OID IS THAT KITTEN'

Kittens are adorable at any age, but did you know that figuring out how old a kitten is can help determine what sort of care they need? It can be tricky to tell, but our at-a-glance kitten progression chart, featuring Darling the kitten, is here to help you out!



ONE WEEK

Look at those blue peepers! Darling's eyes are fully open, and he is taking his first wobbly steps. Kittens this age start interacting more with each other, but still

Darling's now playing with his siblings and getting more mobile. You should be able to tell if kittens are boys or girls. You can start providing a litter box and wet food.

THREE WEEKS

Look how much Darling has grown! At four weeks kittens are sturdy on their feet and playing with each other, toys, and people.

FOUR WEEKS

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NEWBORN

They rely on mom for everything!

When kittens are first born they are Darling is starting to become **more aware** completely helpless—their eyes are closed, of his surroundings! At about seven days their ears are folded, and they can't stand, old, a kitten's ears will unfold and their eyes keep themselves warm or eat on their own. may start to open.



SEVEN WEEKS

EIGHT WEEKS

mom, siblings, and human caregiver.

Looking pretty grown-up, Darling! At this age kittens are behaving and using their body language like adult cats. Darling is **eating all solid food**, and his

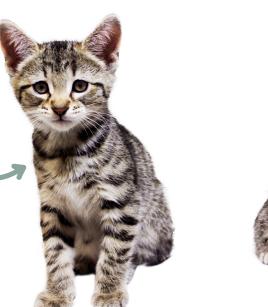
eyes have gone from blue to yellow.

Darling is fully weaned, neutered, people—ready for his loving adoptive

TEN WEEKS



need mom.





NINE WEEKS



Get ready for a lot of fun! Darling is now full of energy and plays exuberantly. **Interacting with people** is important for kittens at this age. Darling is developing lots of personality!

Every day Darling is getting more sure of himself through socialization and play. He's using the litter box and eating cat food – though he still visits mom for snacks and comfort.

SIX WEEKS

Darling is **almost fully weaned**, and continues to play and learn. Being introduced to new people, places in the home, and **other pets** is an important part of socialization.

Two pounds! Darling now weighs enough to be neutered. He's also getting more skilled and adventurous. Darling is learning so much from his

and-because he was socialized to **home.** They grow up so fast!

Get even more details (and cute pics!) with our week-by-week kitten progression resource at

alleycat.org/KittenProgression