

NYKittens Health Guarantee:

The purpose of this contract is to protect all parties, including the kitten. NYKittens/ Dutchess Ragdolls guarantees your new kitten will be in good health, with sound immune health upon pick up. The kitten has had a wellness exam by a licensed veterinarian prior to leaving the cattery, at which time a dewormer has been administered by the vet, or by breeder according to veterinary instructions.

If there are any problems, questions, or concerns at any time during the life of your kitty, I am always available via text and will get back to you ASAP. For the majority of your concerns, I will be able to help you avoid unnecessary veterinary appointments. I will also provide you with a list of holistic/integrative veterinarians in your area.

We want the transition to be as comfortable as possible for the kitten, who is going to be experiencing a certain amount of stress in leaving his mom and siblings and going to a new home. All kittens handle stress differently. I advise keeping the kitten in a relatively confined area for a few days to be sure he is not overwhelmed and that he is eating and playing normally. Keep the litter box close by (but not too close to the feeding area). It can be helpful to place the kitten in the litter box immediately when you get him home, and thereafter for a day or two every few hours, when he is waking up from a nap or finished eating.

Please do not make medical decisions out of fear, or pressure from others, including veterinarians. This includes routine procedures at an age when they can do more harm than good. Unless an accident has occurred whereby he may be in a life threatening situation, avoid rushing to the vet before considering other options. I cannot stress enough how important it is to find an integrative health practitioner to establish as your primary veterinarian. The large majority of health issues you may face during your cat's lifetime can be dealt with non-invasively and without harmful effects that can contribute to secondary problems. These procedures include, but are not limited to : acupuncture, laser treatment, herbal and homeopathic remedies, and above all, natural nutrition and dietary supplements. Resorting to the use of drugs, antibiotics , chemicals and other conventional procedures as a "go-to" can very often do more harm than good. You can and will save money and reduce the stress and suffering of your cat by speaking first to a holistic veterinarian, who is trained in both conventional and alternative therapies.

You may notice that the kitten will go through a period of time whereby he will have watery eyes and nose with sticky discharge, along with mild sneezing. These are stress-related symptoms coming from a latent viral pathogen that all cats carry within them. It is similar to a herpes infection or common cold. As long as the kitty is active, playful, eating well, and free from persistent diarrhea, don't be concerned. The symptoms will subside. You may want to give a good probiotic with his meals, and simply wipe the eyes clean with a mild saline solution. I have found colloidal silver to be highly effective in stopping and preventing these symptoms. I also recommend giving the flower remedy called Rescue Remedy, which works as an anti-anxiety. Anxiety is usually at the root of most problems with cats, even when they don't show it. Remember that a healthy diet is your kitten's best defense against passing symptoms of viral infections, as this will ensure a strong immune response. There is no "cure" for cat colds (or herpes) so avoid antibiotics, which will kill off healthy flora that help remove internal debris. The NATURAL IMMUNE SYSTEM is key to any animals' good health . Cats stress easily when

traveling and being in unfamiliar territory with new people, and stress is a big factor in his immune health. So consider this before rushing to the vet.

Research, get alternative opinions, and make informed decisions that agree with your common sense. Your kitten is going to be living indoors, and is highly unlikely to be exposed to the list of communicable illnesses for which many vaccines are usually encouraged at a young age. Furthermore, your kitten is coming from a closed colony of cats, who are all free from such illnesses.

My adult cats have been tested for FeLV/FIV as well as HCM, therefore, I do not have individual kittens tested for these illnesses. Your kitten is coming from healthy genetics.

I follow the guidelines of my holistic veterinarian in regards to vaccinations, and it is our belief that kittens at 8 weeks old are too young for shots and chemical treatments, so those treatments have not been administered .

When (or if) you decide to vaccinate your kitten, please consider waiting until his immune system has had time to develop, and limit doses and dosage quantity. Space, don't stack vaccines. That means, ask your integrative health professional to administer one single shot per visit.

If you choose to vaccinate, I recommend that distemper be given at 4-6 months, and rabies at 6-18 months. This wait time will help ensure the efficacy of the vaccine and help limit adverse reactions. Your holistic/integrative veterinarian can prescribe or recommend various herbs or remedies to help mitigate the potentially negative effects of any vaccine on the kitten's body. If possible by law, please avoid boosters and instead, ask your vet to perform titering at your cat's annual wellness exams. This procedure will tell your vet if antibodies from previous vaccines are still active (which they often are, even years later).

Feline leukemia and AIDS have been found to be non-existent in this colony of cats. I believe that vaccines for these illnesses are an onslaught to a young kitten's immune system and do more harm than good. I realize that this goes against the advice of many mainstream veterinarians.

Your best health insurance is the following program:

1) Avoid over- vaccination and limit toxic medical/chemical treatments. This includes long-term use of chemical flea and tick control and conventional drug therapies, which mostly mask symptoms. Question the excessive use of antibiotics. Get to the root of illness and other problems so as to solve the issues rather than cover up symptoms. This is a holistic approach to health.

2) Feed a species-specific, high protein, minimally processed diet that will preferably be raw and include proper supplementation.

I generally don't use store-bought cat food. Home made meals are ideal. If you do choose to go for the convenience of pre-made meals, raw frozen or freeze dried is ideal. Canned food is far superior to dry, due to its high moisture content. For cats, this is CRITICAL for long-term health. Choose a high-quality canned food with a high protein content, and free of grains and fillers. Think of limited ingredients . Cats are strict carnivores by design. Their food items would ideally be sourced from small prey items ,although any high quality meats(varied over time and inclusive of organs and bones), will be happily accepted by a hungry kitten. There are many

wonderful cat food companies available online for easy shopping and shipping right to you, making it super simple to feed them properly.

Dry food is tempting to use, as it is convenient and easy to leave out all day, but it is a bad habit to get into and should NOT be used as a primary meal over the long-term (however “scientifically formulated” it may claim to be..Freeze dried raw food (left dry) can be left out for nibbling if you need to leave your cat alone for a day or so. Be sure to offer clean freshwater at all times. Cats should not demonstrate excessive thirst. If they do, it is a signal of ill health and your cue to get him eating wet foods. Cats’ ancestors evolved in desert environments, and have a biological expectation to receive most of their water from their prey. That said, please buy him a water fountain, which contains a filter. They are inexpensive, and all cats prefer their water to be running and clean.

For treats, which should actually be part of a balanced meal program, I like to use boiled chicken, cut into small pieces and put in bags in the fridge and freezer. Healthy feeding does not have to be expensive, and it WILL save you money in vet bills, while protecting the health of your precious kitty. Your cat’s health is worth it.

For more information on all diet, health, and behavioral-related topics, please consider researching a holistic approach to veterinary medicine. My veterinarian of choice is Dr. Michele Yasson, of Holvet Services, who works remotely with patients all over the country. Please visit AHVMA to locate a holistic veterinarian near you.

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72 hour health guarantee:

It is the Buyer’s responsibility to have this kitten examined by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of purchase for a routine health exam at the Buyer’s expense. Should the licensed veterinarian uncover a pre-existing condition within the 72 hour period, it will be the Buyer’s discretion to return the kitten to the Breeder until the condition is cleared, or, to assume all responsibilities related to this condition.

Breeder will reimburse costs related to any ill-health findings at time of first exam, ONLY if the buyer contacts the breeder first and the breeder concurs with the treatment plan. Treatments must be homeopathic, herbal, or otherwise noninvasive and nontoxic for reimbursement to be considered in most cases. If the buyer chooses to follow the treatment of medications given by an allopathic veterinarian, without consulting the breeder first, reimbursement on any said treatments will not be made.

The breeder will not be responsible for opportunistic micro-parasites and viral pathogens that cats are notorious for transporting. These include, but are not limited to : Coccidia, giardia, colds, herpes, ringworm, or in the case of long transport, fleas and ear mites (which can be picked up en route). However, I am more than happy to help you work out a solution for any problem at any time. A kitten with a good immune system will not be burdened with symptoms of said invaders for long, and their presence is generally transitory.

If the kitten is found to be medically deficient with an untreatable or life threatening problem, it must be returned to the Seller immediately along with the veterinarian’s written explanation of

the problem. Once the Breeder's veterinarian reviews and concurs with the diagnostics of the Seller's vet, Breeder will replace this kitten with one of equal value as soon as one becomes available (which may take up to eight months), or refund the full purchase price at the breeder's option. It is the responsibility of the Buyer to provide immediate HOLISTIC veterinary care to any kitten showing signs of illness or serious distress, and to seek emergency veterinary care to a kitten who has been involved in an accident and is physically injured. Failure to do so will render any health guarantee null and void.

Extended health guarantee:

This kitten is guaranteed against life threatening congenital defects until he/she reaches one year of age. Should the kitten die or be diagnosed with such during this period of time, Buyer must submit medical documentation of all findings. These include but are not limited to veterinary care documentation, diagnostic testing, and an appropriate autopsy if applicable. After the breeder's veterinarian reviews and agrees with the diagnosis, a replacement will be made of a cat of similar quality and value, as available, at the discretion of the breeder. Under no circumstances is a kitten to be destroyed prior to notification by the buyer to the seller, and the breeder will take back the deficient kitten to assume final decision in the (unlikely) case where it is deemed necessary. If the buyer refuses the offer of replacement of the kitten, the breeder will have no further obligation to the buyer.

The buyer agrees to feed the kitten a species-appropriate, limited ingredient diet containing appropriate supplementation and will not feed a diet of exclusively dry food. Said foods shall not contain processed grains, such as but not limited to : corn, wheat or wheat gluten, artificial colors, flavors, preservatives, or other fillers. Regular feeding of these types of additives will void any health guarantee offered by the breeder.

The buyer will consult a certified holistic or integrative health veterinarian prior to vaccinating the kitten, or at least, wait until the kitten is at least 4 months old before having shots done. The buyer will not allow vaccines to be given in a "combo" as this is a huge stress on the kitten's system. If the buyer chooses to have shots administered prior to 4 months, or chooses to use combo vaccines , this extended health warranty will be rendered void.

Any vaccine has inherent risks to the health of your kitten. Therefore, any death or illness occurring once a vaccine has been administered will not be covered under this health warranty. Holistic healthcare information provided by experienced veterinarians has been offered by the breeder, for purposes of educating new cat parents. Information on the real risks and effects of vaccines, as well as their history and statistical efficacy, is CRUCIAL. This is not to instill fear or to discourage anyone from having their cats vaccinated. The buyer has the right to make decisions about vaccines through informed consent. There are ways to use vaccines in a way that minimizes risks. It is not the breeder's belief (nor that of her primary veterinarian) that all vaccines for our pets (especially young pets) are necessary, safe, and effective in all cases. There is strong evidence to support the link between over-vaccination and cancer in our cats. The breeder will support the buyer in obtaining information, and locating a responsible veterinarian who will take the individual health of the cat into consideration when making recommendations about the use of allopathic medicine, and provide supportive remedies to help the body safely use and recover from any shots given. In lieu of most vaccines, nosodes can be given to your cat by an integrative veterinarian. Nosodes work through a principle similar

to that of vaccines , with an infinitesimally small amount of a particular disease being administered in a safe and harmless way.

Shots for ANYTHING other than distemper or rabies (which is mandatory by law) are highly discouraged by the breeder and her veterinarian . Thus, shots given for other illnesses, including but not limited to : FIP (peritonitis), FeLV (leukemia virus), ringworm, rhinovirus, and calici will render the health warranty void. Some of these shots are known to cause the very disease itself.

If at any point during the life of the kitten, the buyer is unwilling or unable to keep the kitten, the breeder must be given first choice in rehoming.

Breeding rights must be discussed with the breeder and separate arrangements made on any fees involved in that agreement. The breeder does not recommend spaying or neutering a kitten prior to the age of 5 months. The sex hormones are involved in the overall development of the kitten, and it is in their best interest to keep these body parts intact into adolescence if possible. After that time, spaying or neutering IS recommended.

A deposit of \$200 will hold your kitten of choice for up to 2 weeks after the kitten's date of readiness for pick up. Thereafter, if the kitten has not been picked up by the buyer, a weekly (boarding) fee of \$75 will be applied to the total balance upon pickup. The deposit money will be deducted from the balance total. We are sorry, but we DO NOT offer refunds on deposits.

