



De-worming

At what age should I deworm my kitten?

Kittens should be dewormed regularly by the breeder or rescue centre before leaving for their new home. When you collect your kitten, please check which products have been used and when they were last administered.

Kittens should typically be dewormed at **6, 10, and 12 weeks of age**. From **12 weeks onward**, kittens and adult cats should be dewormed according to the instructions provided with the product being used.

There are many different products available, and some treat both **worms and fleas**. Please speak to one of our vets or nurses for advice on the best product to suit your circumstances.

What are some symptoms that my cat or kitten may have intestinal worms?

- Poor coat condition
- A pot-bellied appearance, especially in kittens
- Unexplained weight loss
- Stunted growth in kittens
- Diarrhoea (sometimes bloody)
- Vomiting, or vomiting up a worm
- Anaemia (pale gums)
- Worm segments around the anal area. These may look like small grains of rice or sesame seeds
- Continual licking of the anal area

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Flea and Worm Treatments

Non-prescription flea and deworming products are not generally recommended, as their effectiveness may not be as reliable as **prescription-only medicines**. For this reason, it is best to purchase flea and worm treatments directly from your veterinarian.

Can children catch worms from cats and dogs?

It is possible for humans—especially children—to become infected with worms from cats and dogs. It is important to teach children to wash their hands after handling pets.

Regularly treating your pets for worms with **proven, reliable products** is also essential. While catching worms from a family pet is not common, it is still important to be aware of the possibility.

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