

## FAQ's

### 1. What comes with the kitten when I take one home?

We will provide a 2 year genetic health guarantee. Should the kitten expire within the time of ownership by Buyer **DUE TO A GENETIC DEFECT PASSED DOWN TO THE KITTEN BY A PARENT OF THE KITTEN**, Breeder shall replace the Kitten with a replacement kitten under the following conditions:

a. The genetic defects and life-threatening diseases for which the Kitten shall be replaced upon strict compliance by Buyer with the terms of this guarantee are genetic defects and life-threatening diseases afflicting the Kitten's Kidney, Heart, Pancreas, Spine and Liver conditions.

All kittens will have been examined by our veterinarian. Additionally, 1 kitten from the litter will have a negative fecal check, and a negative combo test. (It is standard protocol for only 1 kitten to be tested in a litter for parasites and FIV/Leukemia test, as if 1 tests positive or negative, they all will test positive or negative.) Your kitten will also be current on age appropriate vaccinations, dewormings and flea prevention. A complete Medical Synopsis will be provided in your adoption packet.

All kittens and their owners will receive lifetime advice and support from us, Savvy Cats!

### 2. Sphynx Are Hairless

While the Sphynx is considered a hairless breed, these cats do not entirely lack hair. Most Sphynx skin is covered with a fine down, giving the cat a suede-like feel. Light hair is typically visible on the backs of the ears and the nose. But there are 5 Sphynx coat types!

#### 5 Coat Types for a Sphynx

Remember, a Sphynx's coat type can change over time. We do not guarantee a certain coat type on any of our kittens due to this reason.

Guess what? Most Sphynx are not completely bald! Below are 5 coat types known to a Sphynx cat:

#### Sticky Bald

These cats can be hard to stroke due to their "rubbery" feel. They have little to no hair at all!

#### Hairless

The most common coat type, where they have a fine coat. They are soft and smooth to the touch. The skin will feel silky smooth. The little hair they do have is most times barely visible to the naked eye.

#### Felt

Created by short stubble, this coat appears naked at first glance, but once you pet them and get a closer look, you will see a very fine stubble.

#### Point Fuzz

This coat type has a downy fuzz on a cats "points" .....the face, feet and tail. The rest of the body can appear hairless.

#### Devon-ish Coat

Occasionally we will have kittens with a very soft undercoat of fur, similar to a Devon Rex, but not quite as

long. To me personally, this is the best feeling coat type. This coat type requires very little bathing, and is not prone to leaving oil stains like the other coat types.

### 3. Are Sphynx cats good for allergy sufferers?

Sphynx may be a good choice for someone with cat allergies. These cats are not hypoallergenic, but some people find that they are not allergic to them. Others find that they are allergic to the breed but to a lesser extent.

### 4. Sphynx Are Friendly

Our cats love us and are happy to run up and greet strangers. They act more like a dog than a cat. We also say they are like monkeys....don't turn your back as they will jump on your shoulder to give loves and get attention!

### 5. Sphynx Get Cold

So yes, as we discussed earlier, they have little to no hair. Therefore, keeping your home at 73 degrees is a must. Also, a couple of places in the home will need to have a heated cat bet so they can warm up as needed.

### 6. How Often to Bathe a Sphynx?

So while your kitten is young, we recommend bathing often, 3 times a week, so that your kitten will get used to a bath. If you wait too long, your kitten will "forget" what it was like to get a bath, and it will be like Ground Hog Day, starting over each time. We recommend bathing with a hypoallergenic baby shampoo. Cleaning ears is important as well, but nothing special needs to be purchased. We just use a cotton swab to clean out the wax as needed. Start young and do it often, so your kitty will be more accepting when it is older.

### 7. Deposit information

Does a deposit reserve my kitten? Yes. We require a \$250 deposit to hold your kitten until you are ready for pick up. The deposit Does count towards purchase price. Deposits are non-refundable, unless a kitten is unfit for adoption. **YOU MUST FIRST FILL OUT A CONTRACT WHICH WE WILL SEND YOU VIA DocuSign BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT A DEPOSIT.** We ONLY take deposits when a kitten is listed on our website or FB page as Available for adoption. We accept Venmo, CashApp, Zelle and PayPal for deposit. **CASH due at time of pick up!**

## **8. Can I purchase a kitten with breeding rights?**

We sell all kittens on a Spay/Neuter Contract. You will be required by the contract to spay or neuter you kitten at 6 months of age. Proof of surgery will need to be provided to Savvy Cats Cattery within 2 weeks of surgery. This is your responsibility to provide proof, not your veterinarians. We will be sending a separate contract via SpaySecure to ensure Spay/Neuter Compliance

## **9. Are the kittens litterbox trained?**

Yes our kittens are litterbox trained before they leave! Accidents can still occur though, that is why we recommend you read our [New Kitten Protocol.pdf](#) info sheet.

## **10. I have other pets/kids....are these kittens going to be ok with them?**

Yes, our kittens are still young and can easily acclimate to a home with kids and other dogs/cats. To make the transition safe for the kitten an other pets, please read our [Quarantine Guidelines.pdf](#)

## **11. How should my kitten be fed?**

We feed our kittens 3 types of food: Dry Kitten food which is left out all day for them to munch on. Boiled chicken which is fed in the mornings. Wet food which is given in the evenings. These little kitties eat more than you think! So make sure food is available at all times. Some kittens will also require more chicken or wet food as a midday meal!

## **12. Should we think about getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> kitten as a playmate?**

We have seen that the kitties do better if there is another pet in the home they can play and snuggle with for their emotional well-being.

## **13. Why should we get our kitten to the vet so quickly?**

Per our contract, it is your responsibility to make sure the kitten is healthy. You have 3 days to have your kitten checked by your vet. It is best to make an appt with your vet before you receive your kitten.

## **14. My kitten has diarrhea right after I got him, what should I Do?**

It is a very stressful event for a young and fragile kitten to go to a new home. Stress can cause diarrhea. Please take your kitten to the vet and follow the information and steps in our [New Kitten Protocol.pdf](#) and feel free to contact us with an update.