

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT...

SINGLE KITTEN SYNDROME

Cats may be thought of as independent, solo creatures but they are pack animals. Being around other cats, especially those around the same age, is vital for a kitten's development.



A lack of feedback from littermates can have lasting effects into adulthood. Because this feedback on appropriate and inappropriate behaviors is so critical, the best way to prevent Single Kitten "Syndrome" behaviors is to adopt two kittens, whether litter mates or kittens of similar age. There are some behaviors that cats can *only* learn from other cats.

Behaviors sometimes seen in single-kitten homes, include:

- Clawing or biting while playing
- Clinging behavior towards humans
- Vocalizing excessively
- Destructive behaviors like chewing or scratching
- Urinating and defecating outside the litter box



Consider two kittens when you adopt; it's actually *easier*, double the fun, and you'll save two lives. If you can't adopt two, providing plenty of environmental enrichment and appropriate interactive play can help prevent the development of Single Kitten Syndrome behaviors.