

Top 10 Reasons Why Two Kittens Are Better than One

10. You're saving two lives instead of one.

And that's one more kitten that will get a home instead of growing into an adult which will decrease its chance of getting adopted. Kittens are much easier to place than adult cats. Another way of looking at it is that it's better to get all the kittens adopted out right away in order to give the older cats a better chance at finding homes.

9. One kitten can become lonely and bored.

A kitten left alone during the day can become lonely and bored, which sometimes can lead to mischief. Two kittens will never be lonely, especially if they are siblings. In fact, you'll often find shelters that will only let kittens be adopted in pairs. They recognize that siblings really need to stay together. And since shelters are often frightening, unfriendly places to small creatures, unrelated cats often form close bonds that should be respected when adoption time comes. If at all possible, try to acquire two cats of the same age, right from the start, to insure happy times. Siblings are the best bet, but any two kittens of the same age should do nicely.

Kittens, especially, need feline companionship. Like any immature animal, they need stimulus: activity, play, grooming. Very few of us are home all day to provide this attention to a new kitten. We have jobs, children, activities, and other commitments that keep us out of the house for hours at a time.

8. Two kittens will "self-train".

Kittens learn by copying. If one kitten is quick to learn appropriate litter box use, the other will be likely to copy. They also help each other with grooming; wash up after meals soon becomes a ritual with two kittens. Two kittens socialize each other. When they play rough they let each other know how much biting is too much. They learn what is acceptable play behavior and what is unacceptable aggressive behavior. When they have a playmate their age, they learn to be much better cats.

7. Fewer behavior problems with two kittens.

Two kittens are less trouble than one. One lonely kitten gets into all kinds of mischief out of boredom. Two kittens keep each other entertained and out of trouble. Many people who experience behavior problems with kittens find that some of them go away when they adopt another playmate. What may be perceived as mischief is often just the result of boredom. Much like their human counterparts, kittens sometimes misbehave because negative attention is better than no attention.

6. When you go away they keep each other company

If you must work long hours or travel for a couple of days, two or more cats keep each other company during your absence. Cats need stimulation during the day like humans. Studies have shown that some animals left alone most of the day in the house have brains that weigh up to 25% less than those that live in the street. As much as you may love your new kitten, one thing you cannot offer him is feline companionship. Even if you spend a great deal of time at home, you also cannot be available to your new pet at all times. Having a fellow kitten in the household can help occupy your cat while you tend to necessary tasks such as housework and bill paying - and when you need to leave the house. Having a companion for your kitten means she has someone to be with her when you can't.

5. They help each other burn off energy.

Even the most devoted human caregiver can quickly become exhausted by trying to keep up with the energy of a single kitten. Two kittens will wear each other out, leaving their human parent free to just enjoy watching them. A single kitten will likely keep an owner up at night, continuing to play long after the lights have been turned off. Kittens don't get that "clock thing". A pair of young cats, on the other hand, will often entertain each other - effectively tiring each other out while their owners sleep like babies. When they want to play at 2:00AM they have each other - not you.

4. They will each have a friend for life.

Two kittens who grow up together will almost always be lifelong friends. Although they will sometimes have their little squabbles (what friends don't?) you will more often see them engaging in mutual grooming, playing together, and sleeping with their best pal. Your cat will remain more playful and youthful into his/her later years with a companion.

3. Having two kittens is insanely fun and funny.

No doubt kittens are fun, but having two is twice the fun. Watching two kittens play together can be hours of entertainment and laughs - it's better than television and no commercials!

2. The unconditional love is doubled.

If you are concerned that your new kittens will grow closer to each other than to you, rest assured that nothing can replace the role of a loving owner. Just as children love both their siblings and their parents, cats also value both their fellow felines and the humans in their lives. By providing your new cat with a sibling of his own, you will make him a happier animal, and happy animals make the best pets.

And the #1 reason two kittens are better than one... You get purrs in stereo!!!