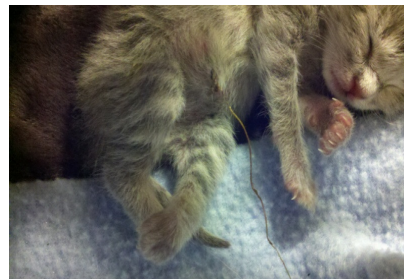


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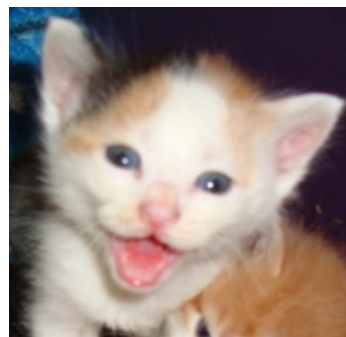
Weight alone is not an accurate indicator of age

- Baseline for healthy kittens
 - Newborn 3 - 4 ounces
 - One week 8 ounces
 - Four weeks 1 pound
 - Continuing gain of 4 - 6 ounces per week
- Prior to 2 - 3 weeks of age, other indicators are needed
 - Umbilical cord wet Less than 12 hours old
 - Umbilical cord dry At least one day, less than 5 days
 - Eyes open 7 -10 days
 - Ears upright About 3 weeks
 - Tail up, walking About 4 weeks



Teeth are the most accurate indicator from 4 weeks to 6 months

- Teething Schedule*
 - Deciduous or primary teeth all in by 8 weeks
 - Incisors 2 ½ - 3 ½ weeks
 - Canines 3 - 4 weeks
 - Premolars 5 - 8 weeks
 - Permanent all in by 6 months
 - Incisors 3 - 3 ½ months
 - Canines 3 - 4 months
 - Premolars 4 ½ - 6 months
 - Molars 5 - 6 months



*Eruption times vary and are affected by breed, nutrition and general health.