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Tabby or Siamese,
there are definite dos
and don'ts

WHEN YOUR CAT HAS KITTENS

■ IF YOU OWN an unaltered female cat, even if she leads a sheltered, indoor life, expect her to remind you several times a year of her inalienable right to be a mother. She'll do it so loudly and so long you will probably give in and find her a suitable mate. A mother cat, properly called a queen, believes herself the perfect mom. And her purring, beaming pride in her young teaches more about rearing a family than a host of PTA lecturers. A cat's gestation period is about 64 days. During this time a healthy queen needs no special diet or medication. Your expectant cat will need a suitable place to bring her litter into the world. A roomy cardboard box, placed in a quiet, dark, draft-free spot, is ideal. An opening near the top allows mother cat to come and go but keeps the young kittens safe inside. Be prepared for one eventuality: despite your valiant efforts, queen may decide the laundry basket, your dresser drawer, or a corner of your closet are more to her taste. Most likely, she will have her young with little trouble. Teach the family to handle the kittens gently, lifting them not by the nape of the neck but firmly with both hands. When they are four weeks old, you may begin feeding the kittens—



with a mixture of milk and cat food, hamburger, or cooked cereal—by dipping the kitten's mouth and chin into the food. He'll sputter and sneeze at first but will soon learn. A last bit of advice: if you must give away these lovable creatures, don't despair—your cat may present another litter before too long.



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