



BARONET

British Shorthair Cats

Giving Your Kitten a Name

Your Baronet kitten will come with his/her own pedigree name. The pedigree name is the name that is registered to that kitten with the General Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF). A pedigree name will always include the prefix name ie: BARONET followed by a name for the kitten. For instance, the kitten may be called BARONET NEWTONS GRAVITY. *(The kitten was called this because he kept falling off things.)*

The point of the pedigree name is to individualise the pedigree cat on the GCCF register *(no two cats have identical names)*, to individualise the breeder *(through the use of the breeders prefix name)* and to add a bit of quirkiness to the whole business of cat registration in order that the naming process does not become boring.

As you can imagine, the pedigree name could be a bit of a mouthful, not only for the owner to say, but also for the kitten to understand. With this in mind, it is prudent to give your kitten a 'Pet' name. On occasions it can be more difficult to actually name your kitten than the process of selecting a kitten from the array of kittens available on the marketplace. This article will go some way to guide you in carrying out this particularly arduous task.

Firstly, selecting a kittens name should be fun!

The naming process is the next exciting stage of your kitten purchase, just as important as the selection process and the collection process, especially for children. Include the whole family in the naming process, explaining the process to all those involved. If children are involved, you could make it into a bit of a competition, offering a small prize and a certificate** to the family member who has selected the most appropriate name.

** All Baronet Cat Owners will receive an incomplete printable certificate or a complete certificate upon request.

Take your time.

Choosing the name of your newly acquired kitten should not be rushed, you may want to use a name directly linked to the pedigree name, as in this case, 'Newton' or you may want to learn the visual and social traits of your kitten and select a name from that area. This process could take several months.

Make the name as short as possible.

The name you eventually select should be short and use as few syllables as possible. In this example it would be far better to call your kitten 'Newton' rather than 'Newtons Gravity'. The kitten will stand a better chance of attaching itself to a short name rather than a longer name.

Don't use similar names.

Look at all the names that you use in the house, human and animal alike. When selecting a name keep away from names that sound similar or rhyme with those already in use. Using a similar or rhyming name will lead to confusion, not only for the kitten, but also for the other family members. Also consider the sounds produced, if the owners of Newton had a dog called Neptune, this could lead to confusion for both animals due to the similar sounds produced and a more suitable name would have to be sought for the kitten.

That kitten will soon be a cat!

Before you know it your fluffy kitten will be a cat and you will be keeping the cat for quite some time, quite often over 20 years. The name 'Fluffles' may not quite suit her in a year or two and may even appear quite odd. When selecting a name, make consideration to this factor.

Still stuck?

There are many free websites on the internet offering an impressive display of kitten names, and although most of these names you may think inappropriate for your kitten, these sites serve the purpose getting the cogs working to give you some ideas.

Just search 'Kitten Names' or 'Cat Names' in Google and you will be spoilt for choice, indicating just how difficult it can be to select an appropriate name for your Cat.

You have selected a name, now what?

Start using the selected name with family members and the kitten, especially at your kitten's meal time or when you have the kitten on your knee. Try to associate food with the name by calling the kitten when you are serving their food. Your kitten will soon learn that her name is associated with food and when the time comes that you really do need to use her name (*Cats do wander at times and forget where their bread is buttered!*) you can reinforce the name with her food bowl.





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This is to

Certify

that

Baronet Newtons Gravity

has the new pet name of

Newton

which was chosen by

Philip Rogers

on the

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