

How Old Is That Kitten?

4 questions to ask when estimating a kitten's age:

1. Are the eyes open?

Kittens are born with their eyes closed, and they don't open until about **8-12 days of age**.

2. How much do they weigh?

A kitten's weight in pounds roughly corresponds to his age in months, and he will gain weight at a relatively predictable rate until about 10 weeks of age. As long as a kitten is in good body condition, you can safely guess that a **1-pound kitten is about 4 weeks old** and a **3-pound kitten is about 12 weeks old**.

3. Are they walking and playing?

Most kittens start walking around **3 weeks of age**, but take a little longer to gain their coordination. You can be comfortable saying a kitten who is walking pretty well and playing is at least **4 weeks of age**.

4. How do their teeth look?

Baby teeth start to come in around **3 weeks of age** and permanent teeth at 3-4 months. The middle incisors are the first to come in around 12 weeks, with the second and third incisors following at about 14 and 16 weeks, respectively.



Developmental Milestones

