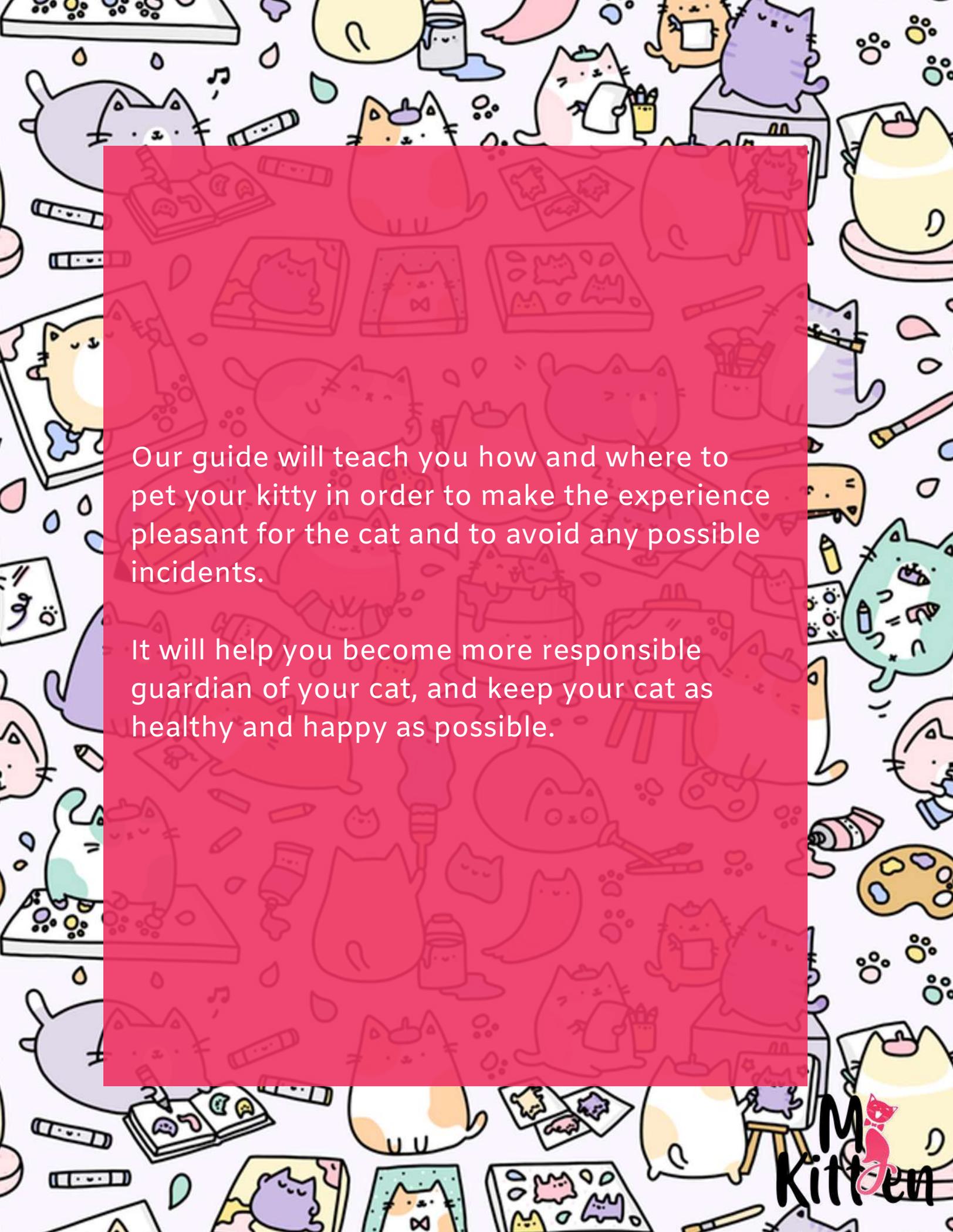


CAT PETTING GUIDE:

*Do's, Don't's, &
Petting Zones*

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Our guide will teach you how and where to pet your kitty in order to make the experience pleasant for the cat and to avoid any possible incidents.

It will help you become more responsible guardian of your cat, and keep your cat as healthy and happy as possible.

HOW TO PET A CAT

Firstly, Cats don't like being squeezed.

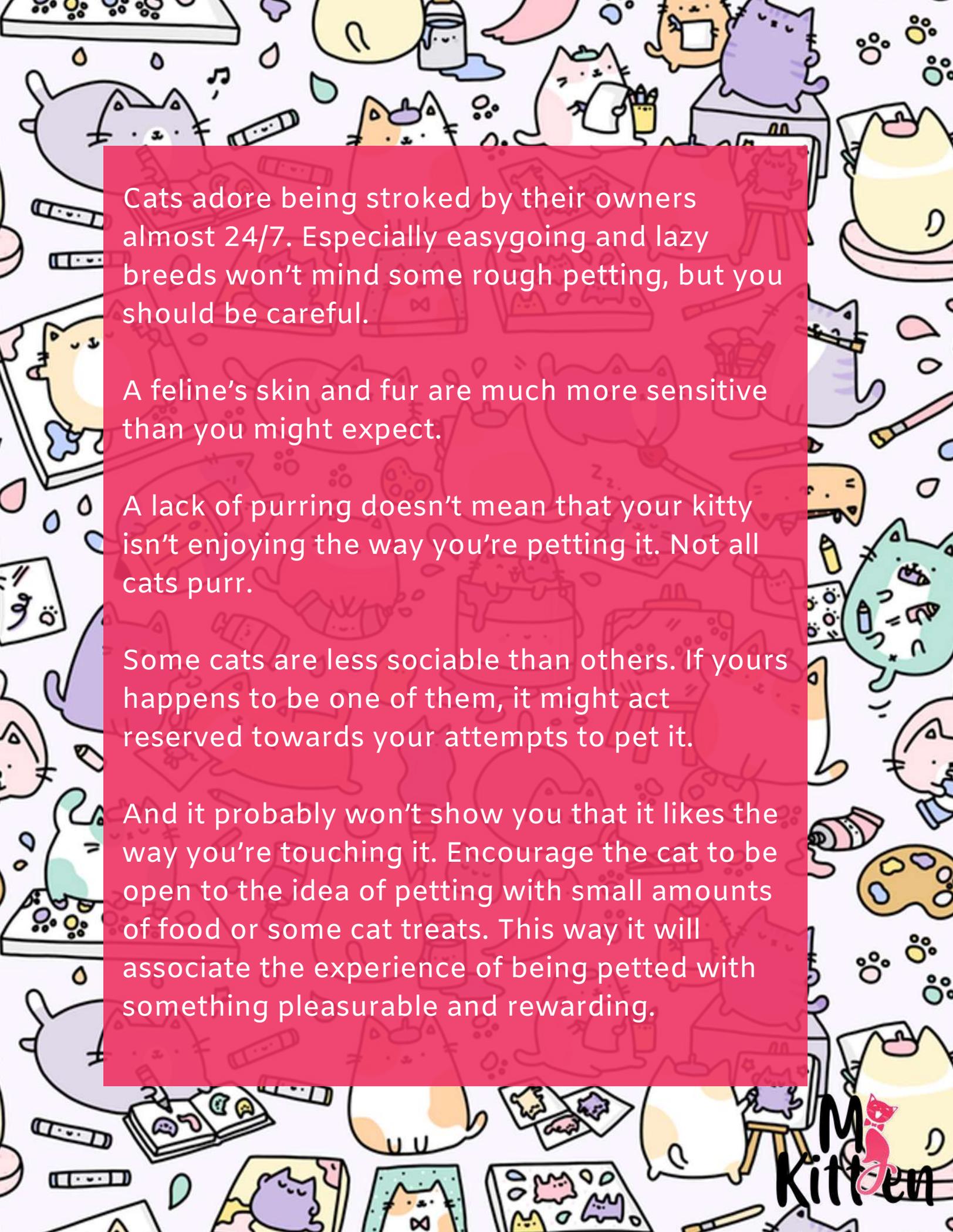
Forceful petting and padding also aren't good ways to handle a cat – after all, it's a cat not a Labrador.

Cats should be handled with care. Soft strokes and cuddles are ideal for them.

Massaging and light scratch-like movements are also particularly enjoyable.

Many cats take great pleasure into being brushed or combed with cat brushes that have soft silicone tips.

Being gentle, however, doesn't mean that you should barely touch your cat.



Cats adore being stroked by their owners almost 24/7. Especially easygoing and lazy breeds won't mind some rough petting, but you should be careful.

A feline's skin and fur are much more sensitive than you might expect.

A lack of purring doesn't mean that your kitty isn't enjoying the way you're petting it. Not all cats purr.

Some cats are less sociable than others. If yours happens to be one of them, it might act reserved towards your attempts to pet it.

And it probably won't show you that it likes the way you're touching it. Encourage the cat to be open to the idea of petting with small amounts of food or some cat treats. This way it will associate the experience of being petted with something pleasurable and rewarding.

CAT PETTING ZONES: WHERE TO PET A CAT

Chin And Neck:

The chin and the neck areas are not only safe, but they are also among these sweet spots. Felines adore being stroked in these areas and they might even rub them against you when they're seeking your attention.

Between & Behind The Ears:

Between and behind the ears is another area where cats love being petted. Use gentle pressure when stroking the cat and keep an eye out for visible signs of content, such as purring, half-closed eyes, arched back and soft rotation of the head and the whiskers.

Back:

You can safely pet your kitty starting from the back of its head to the base of its tail, but don't touch the tail. Keep going only in one direction towards the tail because kitties genuinely don't like being petted the other way around.

Side:

You can also pet the cat sideways if it's lying on its side and if it appears to be relaxed in your presence. You can try this only if the kitty is next to you or in your lap. Otherwise it might feel threatened by the chance of accidental belly rubs.

AREAS TO AVOID

Tail:

The tail should be off limits. The motions of a twitching tail are often interesting for children, but warn the kids to stay away from the kitty's tail.

Paws:

The paws are among the most sensitive spots on any feline's body. Don't rub them at all. Some kitties like it when their owners are playing with their feet during play sessions, but these areas should be avoided when it comes to petting.

Belly Rubs:

Belly rubs are also a bad idea. One of the most relaxed and vulnerable sleeping positions of any cat out there is when it's lying with its belly fully exposed because it's feeling trustworthy towards its surroundings and its owner.

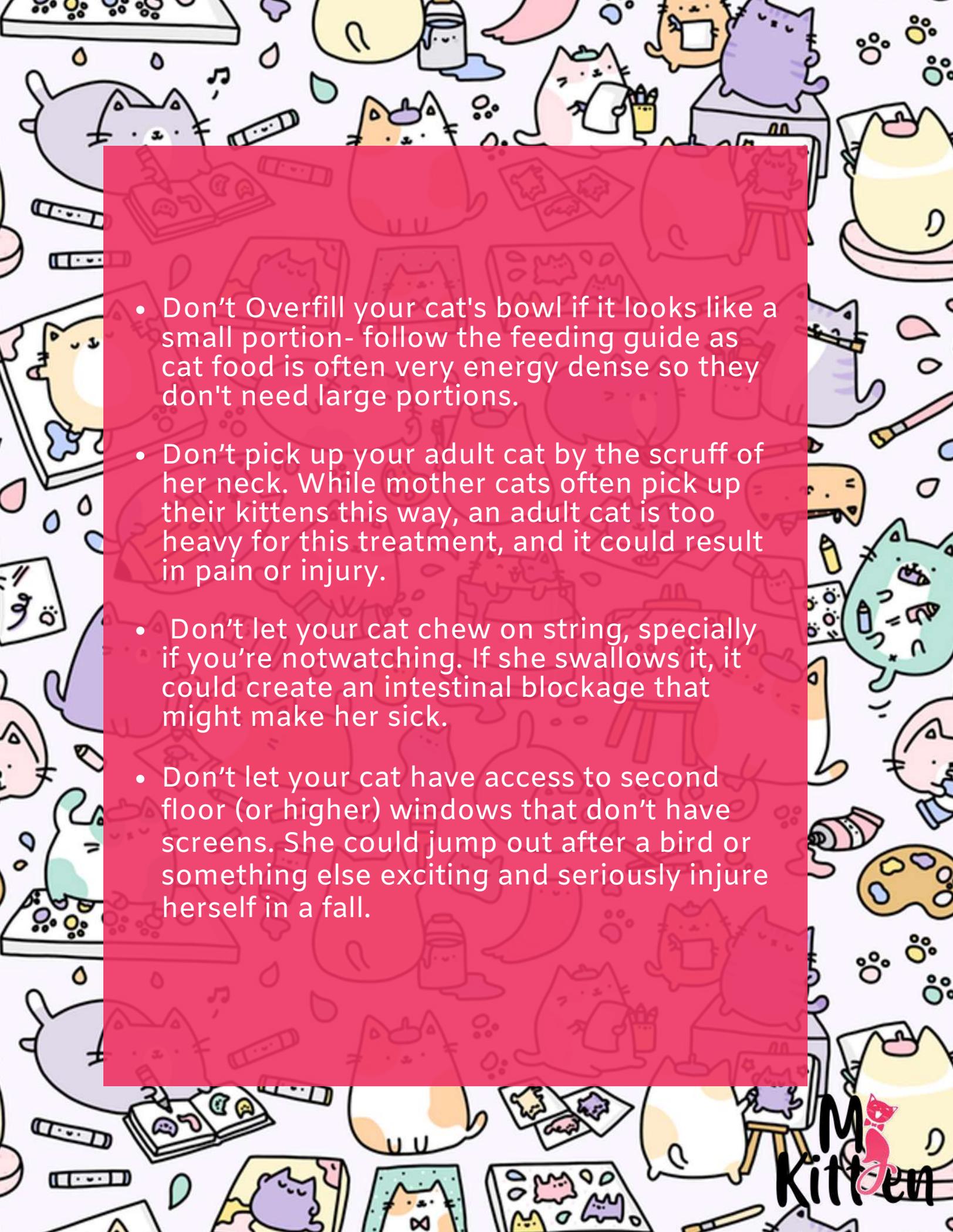
If your cat likes sleeping in this position, then it fully trusts you that you won't do anything harmful and won't touch its most vulnerable body parts. Don't betray its trust with belly rubs!



THE DO'S AND DON'T'S

DON'T'S

- Don't neglect spending quality time with your pet.
- Don't make the cat work for the attention and the petting.
- Don't pet the cat when it's eating or drinking.
- Don't be forceful. Don't pet the kitty if it's not in the mood for snuggling or if its attention is preoccupied with something else.
- Don't feed a lot of treats because you'll then need to feed them less at mealtimes, which means they are then missing out on essential nutrients that keep cats healthy.
- Give human food snacks and treats to your cat. These are often too fattening for them and lead to them putting on weight.

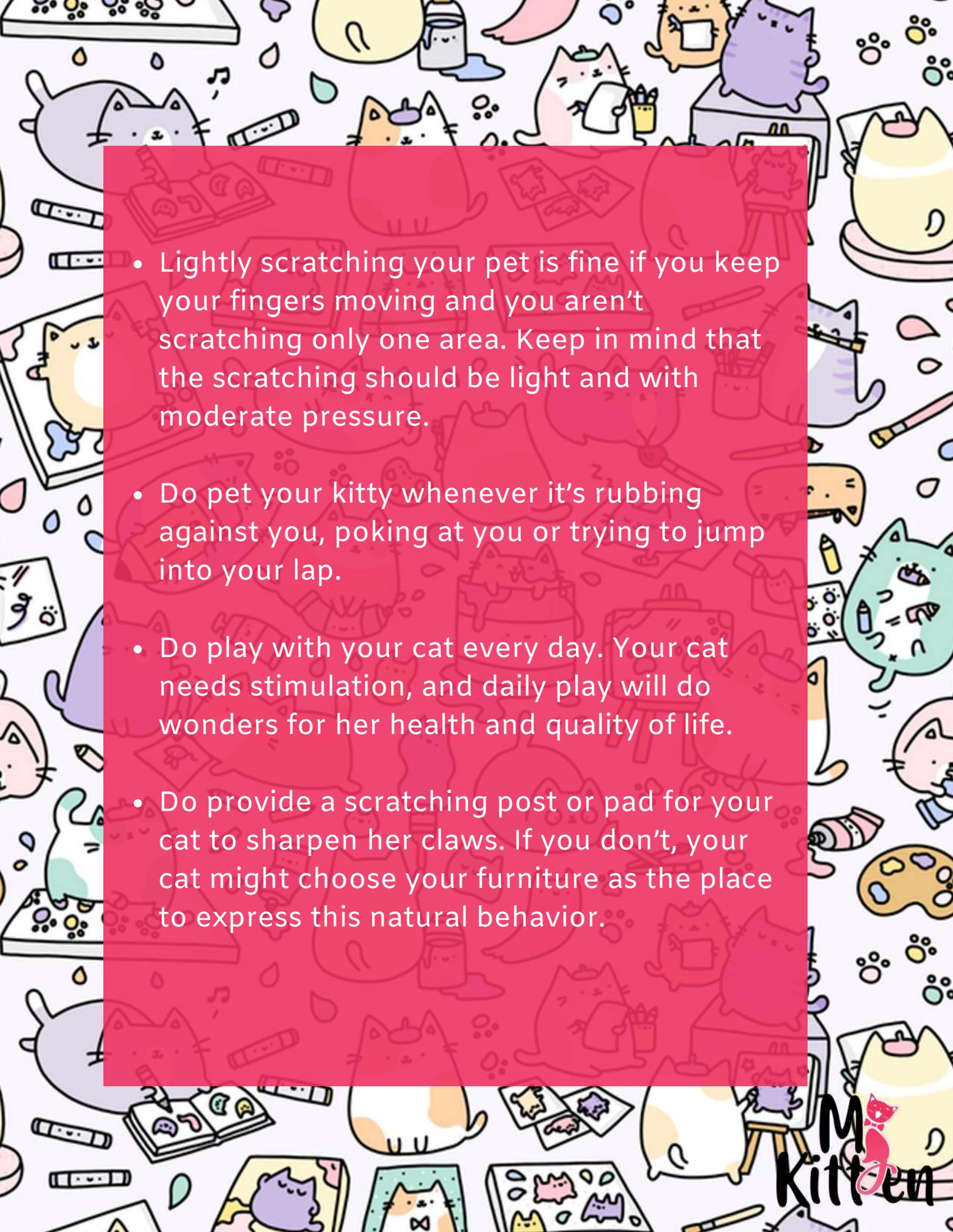
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- Don't Overfill your cat's bowl if it looks like a small portion- follow the feeding guide as cat food is often very energy dense so they don't need large portions.
 - Don't pick up your adult cat by the scruff of her neck. While mother cats often pick up their kittens this way, an adult cat is too heavy for this treatment, and it could result in pain or injury.
 - Don't let your cat chew on string, specially if you're not watching. If she swallows it, it could create an intestinal blockage that might make her sick.
 - Don't let your cat have access to second floor (or higher) windows that don't have screens. She could jump out after a bird or something else exciting and seriously injure herself in a fall.

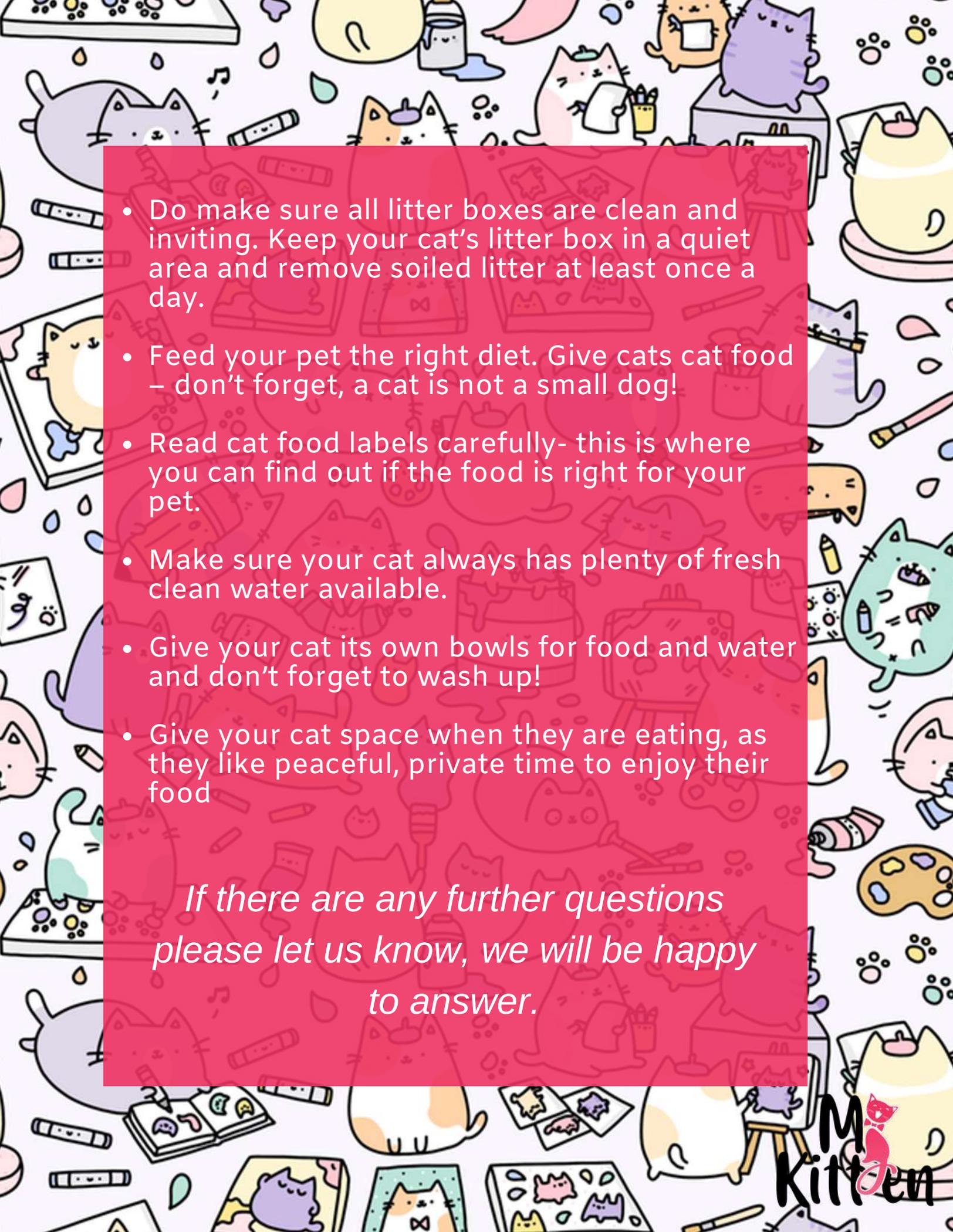
DO'S

- Bath is once every month
- The fur needs to be groomed daily with a metal comb
- Nails to be cut every 15 to 20 days (by professional) so that only the tip is cut not the entire nail.
- Never declaw your cat.
- Ears to be cleaned once in every 5 to 6 days using 3-4 drops of epiotic solution and a soft tissue.
- Teeth cleaning is not required.
- Kitten food is more nutritious as compared to the adult food so if possible feed kitten food for the entire life.

- A handful of dry food thrice a day.
- Preferred brands are royal cabin Persian kitten, Origen kitten.
- Gravy food - try to keep a balance between the gravy food and the dry, feed 1 pouch in every two days , half a pouch per serving.
- Preferred brands (royal cabin, Sheba, Whiskas, meO(kitten variants only).
- Water is RO water to be changed twice a day.
- For toys and everything we will share the packages with you.
- Cats will sleep wherever they feel like. But you can get them a cat tree which can be used as their interactive area and get them cost beds (but they will sleep wherever they feel most comfortable) Haha! Cat logic, you can give them the most luxurious of the beds but they will prefer to sleep in an old discarded cardboard box.
- It's okay to move them in two houses provided their basic essentials are moved with them too.

- You can move them in the air carriers we provide you.
- Deworming needs to be done once every two months.
- You can go with the regular checkups whenever you feel like.
- Litter - scoop the clumped litter from the litter tray daily and throw it in the dustbin DO NOT flush (It will clog the toilet).
- In homemade food you can give them minced boiled chicken no added salt and pepper.
- Do handle your precious cat gently. Petting is a way of expressing affection, so be gentle and use soft, massaging-like strokes.
- Do focus on the sweet spots around the head. There are many scent glands near the kitty's ears and mouth areas and by petting it there you're basically making your cat scent-mark you as its owner.

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- Lightly scratching your pet is fine if you keep your fingers moving and you aren't scratching only one area. Keep in mind that the scratching should be light and with moderate pressure.
 - Do pet your kitty whenever it's rubbing against you, poking at you or trying to jump into your lap.
 - Do play with your cat every day. Your cat needs stimulation, and daily play will do wonders for her health and quality of life.
 - Do provide a scratching post or pad for your cat to sharpen her claws. If you don't, your cat might choose your furniture as the place to express this natural behavior.

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- Do make sure all litter boxes are clean and inviting. Keep your cat's litter box in a quiet area and remove soiled litter at least once a day.
 - Feed your pet the right diet. Give cats cat food – don't forget, a cat is not a small dog!
 - Read cat food labels carefully- this is where you can find out if the food is right for your pet.
 - Make sure your cat always has plenty of fresh clean water available.
 - Give your cat its own bowls for food and water and don't forget to wash up!
 - Give your cat space when they are eating, as they like peaceful, private time to enjoy their food

*If there are any further questions
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