

T H I N K

Thoracic Issues in Neonatal Kittens
SURVEY OF KITTENS

Please complete one survey form for each litter of kittens, either healthy or with thoracic deformities.

Information about your litter

What season were they born in: Spring Summer Autumn Winter

What breed were the kittens?

Please supply the following information about the kittens. If this was a healthy litter, give sex only:

(FC – flat chest; PE – pectus excavatum; Kyphosis – dip in the spine near the shoulders)

Kitten 1	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 2	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 3	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 4	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 5	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 6	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 7	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 8	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 9	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F
Kitten 10	FC	PE	Kyphosis	sex	M	F

To help us determine if thoracic deformities may be influenced by dietary factors

What was the queen fed during pregnancy: wet food dry food both

Did the queen receive any of the following during pregnancy?

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Vitamins | Wormer |
| Antibiotics | Herbal remedy |
| Calcium | Homeopathic remedy |
| Flea treatment | Vaccination |

Do you use bottled water for your cats? Y N

To help us determine if thoracic deformities may be influenced by the environment of the queen

Did your queen go out during pregnancy? No Only in an enclosed run Yes, free roaming

To help us determine if thoracic deformities (TDs) may be influenced by genetic factors

Did the queen and stud have parents or grandparents in common? Y N

Has this queen had kittens before? Y N

Is this a repeat mating? Y N

Did previous litters from this mating have TDs? Y N

Were there any TDs in previous litters from other studs? Y N don't know

(NB please complete a separate form for each litter)

Do you own the stud who sired the kittens? Y N

(if you do not own the stud, please answer as many of the following questions as you are able).

Has he sired any kittens with TDs?

Y: 1 2-5 5-10 more than 10

N

don't know

Any other information that you think may be relevant (e.g. changes in the household, stress to the queen during pregnancy, unusual events or behaviour, unusual birth weights, illness etc.)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP KITTENS WITH THORACIC DEFORMITIES

Additional information

All information provided to the THINK project is treated with full confidentiality: all members of the THINK team have signed a binding confidentiality agreement. It would be of considerable benefit to the research if you could provide any of the following documents to accompany this questionnaire if you have them:

- A pedigree of the litter of kittens described.
- A veterinary report on the kitten(s)
- Copy of any blood work report
- Scans or original films of x-rays taken of the kitten(s)
- An autopsy report
- Any photographs (digital images) of the kittens – normal and affected

Your details

This information is optional. However if we have your contact details we will be able to reach you in case we find that further details of your litter would be valuable, or to obtain information about the progress of your kitten(s).

***In order to determine if there are any parts of the country where TDs are more common we would be very grateful if you could provide your postcode, even if you do not wish to enter any other details. We will not attempt to trace any of your other details from your postcode.**

Name

Address

***Postcode**

Country

Telephone number

e-mail address

As we understand more about thoracic deformities there may be other questions we need to ask: would you allow us to contact you to obtain further details of this litter? Y N

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