

# Pet Talk -caring for a new kitten

By Alice Scott

With all the new pets in town I thought a column on kitten and puppy care would be appreciated.

This week I'll talk about how to care for your cat.

As soon as you bring your kitten home, show it the litter box. Put the kitten in the box at once, then repeat this several times on the first day, especially immedi-

ately after the kitten has been eating or napping.

Try to keep the box in the same spot, away from heavy traffic and distractions.

Whenever the kitten uses the box praise it. This will reinforce good housetraining.

However, even a housetrained cat will refuse a dirty box so be sure you keep it clean. The box should be completely changed

every three or four days.

Cats are so fastidious, they rarely need a bath or much grooming. However, a long haired cat should have regular brushing. An outdoor cat may need an occasional bath to remove stubborn dirt, grease or objectionable odours.

If you need to give your cat a bath, ask your veterinarian for a high quality shampoo, especially

for cats.

Trimming your cat's nails occasionally will reduce only the sharp tip. Never trim more than a half to a quarter inch of a nail.

Toys should be too large to be swallowed and sturdy enough to withstand chewing and tearing.

Some safe toys are catnip sewn into a cloth bag and stuffed socks.



**LIDKEA: Mrs. Iris Elinor Lidkea (Barley)** passed away quietly in her sleep on September 1st, 1990. Born on March 10th, 1911 at Keewatin, Ontario she lived for a time in Matawin, Ontario before moving permanently to Schreiber in 1933. Iris was a dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. An ardent artist and member of the Art Club many of her lovely oil paintings grace the homes of her family and friends. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, St. John's Anglican Church Auxillary, Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxillary, Ruby Rebecca Lodge, and Kinettes. Survived by her daughters Carol Lafrance and husband Bert of Timmins, Ontario and Linda Turner and husband Alan of McKenzie B.C. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by her first husband Carl Jacomb, mother & father, sisters Nada Alcock and Letty Shear and her brother Bert Barley. Her husband Robert Bruce Lidkea passed away on September 6th, 1990. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday September 4th, 1990 at 3 p.m. from St. John's Anglican Church. Cremation followed and interment in Schreiber Cemetery.



**LIDKEA: Mr. Robert, Bruce, Brian Lidkea** known to all as Bruce, quietly on September 6th 1990, Bruce joined his recently departed wife Iris. A life long resident, Bruce was born in Schreiber on October 22nd, 1911. A husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. After retiring from C.P.R. as a conductor in October 1972 Bruce along with his wife Iris enjoyed several years of travel and visiting all over Canada. For the past several years Bruce selflessly devoted his life to the loving care and comfort of his wife Iris who was infirm. Member of the Kinsmen Club, Associate Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Schreiber Bowling League, Schreiber Curling Club and Chimo Club. Survived by daughters Carol Lafrance and husband Bert of Timmins, Ontario and Linda Turner and husband Alan of McKenzie B.C. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by his wife Iris, mother and father, brothers Jerry and Bill Lidkea. Memorial Services were held on Saturday September 8th 1990 at 2 p.m. from St. John's Anglican Church. Cremation followed and interment in Schreiber Cemetery.

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