

Bath Procedures:

1. **Goop (using Goop brand)** behind the ears, on the back. Legs and feet - anywhere the kitten is oily. Goop is applied to dry fur fairly generously. Rinse with warm (not hot) water until water runs clear.
2. Lather with **Dawn** (blue) generously, giving special attention to behind the ears, legs, tummy and tail. **Rinse** well. I usually rinse for several minutes after each lather to make sure no soap is left in the fur.
3. This step is for a show bath only. Lather with a **whitening shampoo** (E-Z Groom Crystal White is fine for occasional use), making sure not to get any on the point color as it may fade the color. **Rinse**, rinse, rinse.
4. Lather with the **finishing shampoo**. This may be a conditioning (E-Z Groom Ultra Rich Conditioning Luxury Shampoo) shampoo if the cat has dry fur or a volumizing (Redkin Fat Cat - people shampoo) shampoo if your cat has fine fur. Be sure to soap the entire cat. **Rinse**, rinse, rinse. Then rinse again.
5. Wrap kitty in a pre-warmed (I put it in the oven at 170 degree just before the bath, then turn off the oven during the bath) and towel dry.
6. Blow dry gently fluffing the fur with your fingers, the eventually using a pin brush or comb to hold the fur away from the body to give the most volume. Be sure to work from the back forward and make sure kitty is dry to the touch (especially in winter). I use the dryer at the lowest setting near the face and comb the fur towards the face to fluff. Make sure not to direct the airflow at the face or ears. I usually cover the ears with my thumb or fold the ear forward to prevent this. If the kittens fur still feels cool it may not be dry enough and can curl - be sure it is dry in the winter. In the summer its not as important unless you keep your house very cool.
7. Give a treat as soon as the grooming is done. Be sure to gently talk to the kitten through the entire procedure to reassure them.