



# KITTEN FOSTER GUIDE

# WELCOME LETTER

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE BEEN APPROVED AS A FOSTER FOR FOSTER2FOREVER! AS A FOSTER, YOU'LL BE CHANGING THE LIVES OF ANIMALS YOU TAKE IN, AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF FUTURE ADOPTERS! WE HERE AT FOSTER2FOREVER ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, AND WANT YOU TO KNOW WE APPRECIATE YOU!

AS A FOSTER, YOUR ROLE IS TO GET YOUR FOSTER ANIMALS READY TO BE ADOPTED AND KEEP THEM SAFE, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY IN THE MEANTIME. FOSTERS ARE EXPECTED TO: COMMUNICATE WITH FOSTER COORDINATORS: TEXTING, CALLING, OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER ARE GOOD WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

WATCH YOUR FOSTER FOR ACTING OUT OF THE NORM (SEE VET PROTOCOL)  
KEEP YOUR FOSTER ON THEIR VACCINATION SCHEDULE: CONTACT A FOSTER2FOREVER COORDINATOR TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEY NEED THEIR VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS.

IT'S CRITICAL THE ANIMAL STAYS ON HIS OR HER VACCINATION SCHEDULE (SEE VACCINATION SCHEDULE BELOW).

GET APPROVAL FOR ALL MEDICAL CARE: FOSTER2FOREVER PAYS FOR ALL MEDICAL AND PREVENTATIVES FOR THE FOSTER DOG IF IT IS APPROVED AHEAD OF TIME. WITHOUT APPROVAL, THE FOSTER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL COST OF ANY MEDICAL CARE. FOSTER2FOREVER RESPONDS TO ALL EMERGENCY CASES FIRST. ALL OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH A FOSTER COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE A 100% VOLUNTEER-RUN RESCUE ORGANIZATION. WE PROMISE TO REACH OUT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOU AS A FOSTER, AND HOPE THAT THIS GUIDE HELPS YOU ALONG THE WAY!

SINCERELY,

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**\*\*MAY VARY ON WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS OR**

**SPECIAL EVENTS\*\***



# APPROVED! NOW WHAT!? PREPARING FOR FOSTERING

FOSTERING KITTENS REQUIRES TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE AND SPACE IN YOUR HOME, SUCH AS A BATHROOM, OFFICE, LAUNDRY ROOM OR EXTRA BEDROOM. FOSTER2FOREVER IS A NON-PROFIT FOSTER BASED RESCUE THAT AIMS TO SEE THAT EVERY ANIMAL BROUGHT INTO OUR CARE RECEIVES UNCONDITIONAL DEDICATION, LOVE AND KINDNESS. NO ANIMAL SHOULD HAVE TO ENDURE PAIN AND SUFFERING. OUR MISSION TO SAVE ANY ANIMAL (BOTH DOGS AND CATS) PRIMARILY AGES TWO YEARS AND UNDER AND PROVIDE THEM AN ALTERNATIVE LOVING ENVIRONMENT UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO FIND FOREVER HOMES. FOSTERING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR RESCUE BECAUSE WE ARE LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS, WE CAN SAVE DUE TO THE NUMBER OF FOSTER HOMES AVAILABLE.

A SMALL, SAFE, AND CLEAN SPACE AND A DOOR THAT CLOSES, WHERE THEY CAN BE QUARANTINED FROM OTHER ANIMALS. WE RECOMMEND A GUEST ROOM, LAUNDRY ROOM, BATHROOM ETC. ISOLATION PERIOD SHOULD BE AT LEAST A WEEK OR UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST ROUND OF VACCINATIONS IF THEY ARE A NEW ADDITION TO THE RESCUE. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF BOTH YOUR ANIMALS, AND THE FOSTER ANIMAL(S), AS KITTIES CAN INCUBATE ILLNESSES WITHOUT PRESENTING SYMPTOMS FOR QUITE A FEW DAYS. IF YOU DO NOTICE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS OR HAVE MEDICAL CONCERNS, CONTACT FOSTER2FOREVER COORDINATORS THROUGH EMAIL.

IF YOU ARE A FOSTER OF A NEONATAL KITTEN A HEATING PAD AND SOFT BLANKETS WILL NEED TO BE ADDED TO YOUR SUPPLY LIST. THE HEATING PAD WILL NEED TO BE SET ON LOW, WITH A SOFT BLANKET COVERING IT COMPLETELY. A SOFT BLANKET FOR THEM TO LAY ON THAT IS NOT DIRECTLY ON THE HEATING PAD ALLOWS THEM THE OPTION OF MOVING AWAY FROM THE HEAT SOURCE IF THEY SO DESIRE. MAKE SURE THE AREA IS KITTEN-PROOF. KITTENS ARE FULL OF THEIR OWN MAGIC TRICKS BUT SADLY THEIR TRICKS OFTEN END WITH THE LITTLE KITTENS GETTING INTO SOME UNNEEDED TROUBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NOT A TRASH CAN OR TOILET LID OPEN THEY CAN FALL INTO, A CURTAIN THEY CAN CLIMB, A SMALL SPACE THEY CAN HIDE OR GET STUCK IN, AND CERTAINLY NO TOXIC FOODS OR PLANTS AROUND. IF YOU HAVE OTHER KITTENS OR PETS IN THE HOME PLEASE USE SEPARATE FOOD BOWLS WHEN FEEDING THEM. YOU CAN DECIDE BASED ON YOUR KITTENS TEMPERAMENT IF DIFFERENT WATER BOWLS ARE NEEDED AS WELL.

YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE ALL YOUR SUPPLIES READY BEFORE BRINGING YOUR FOSTER KITTY HOME. THE SUPPLIES NEEDED WILL DEPEND ON THE AGE OF THE KITTEN. PLEASE SEE THE LIST BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## SUPPLIES BOTTLE BABY KITTENS WILL NEED(4 WEEKS OR YOUNGER)

- POWDERED KITTEN FORMULA (THE BRAND KMR BY PETAG IS RECOMMENDED AS IT' AVAILABLE IN MOST PET STORES AND IS HIGH QUALITY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE ANOTHER BRAND, PLEASE GET IT APPROVED BY YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR FIRST.)
- KITTEN BOTTLE KIT WITH NIPPLES (CAN BE FOUND AT MOST PET STORES OR ONLINE.)
- A SNUGGLE SAFE DISC (CAN BE FOUND ONLINE), OR A HEATING PAD THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTO SHUT-OFF FEATURE.
- UNSCENTED BABY WIPES
- DIGITAL SCALE THAT WEIGHS IN GRAMS
- SECURE KITTEN CARRIER(ALL BOTTLE BABY KITTENS SHOULD USE THEIR CARRIER AS -THEIR BED TILL THEY ARE AT LEAST THREE WEEKS OF AGE)



## SUPPLIES GRUEL KITTENS (4 WEEKS TO 6 WEEKS)

- WET/CANNED KITTEN FOOD
- DRY KITTEN FOOD
- BLENDER FOR MAKING SYRINGE GRUEL IF NEEDED
- A SNUGGLE SAFE DISC (CAN BE FOUND ONLINE), OR A HEATING PAD THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTO SHUT-OFF FEATURE.
- SMALL LITTER BOX AND UNSCENTED, NON-CLUMPING LITTER
- DIGITAL SCALE THAT WEIGHS IN GRAMS
- SECURE CARRIER TO TRANSPORT THE KITTENS
- EMPTY ROOM/BATHROOM THAT WILL NOW BE THE KITTENS BEDROOM

## SUPPLIES KITTENS/CATS (6 WEEKS AND UP)

- WET/CANNED KITTEN FOOD
- DRY KITTEN FOOD
- BLENDER FOR MAKING SYRINGE GRUEL IF NEEDED
- LITTER BOX AND LITTER
- DIGITAL SCALE THAT WEIGHS IN GRAMS
- SECURE CARRIER TO TRANSPORT THE KITTENS
- EMPTY ROOM/BATHROOM THAT WILL NOW BE THE KITTEN'S BEDROOM

## FOSTER TIMELINE

THIS VARIES GREATLY WITH THE VETTING YOUR FOSTER CURRENTLY HAS PRIOR TO COMING INTO THE RESCUE, THE PHYSICAL HEALTH OF YOUR FOSTER, AND THE AGE OF YOUR FOSTER. THE TIME THEY SPEND IN YOUR HOME CAN BE AS LITTLE AS A FEW WEEKS, TO A FEW MONTHS (EXTREME CASES MAY BE MANY MONTHS). WE TRY VERY HARD TO PLACE YOUR FOSTER, AND KEEP THEM WITH YOU UNTIL ADOPTION, AS MOVING THE ANIMAL TO ANOTHER HOME CAN AFFECT THEM NEGATIVELY AND CAUSE STRESS.

## GOAL OF FOSTERING

THE GOAL OF FOSTERING IS TO GET YOUR KITTY TO A POINT WHERE IT CAN BE ADOPTED AND BE A WONDERFUL MEMBER OF A FAMILY. IT'S A BIG JOB AND HERE'S HOW WE NEED YOUR HELP:

- COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FOSTER COORDINATORS. TEXTING, CALLING, OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER ALL WORK.
- WATCH YOUR FOSTER FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS OR ANY BEHAVIOR OUTSIDE OF THE NORM.
- KEEP YOUR FOSTER ON THEIR VACCINATION SCHEDULE. CONTACT A FOSTER2FOREVER COORDINATOR RIGHT BEFORE THEY NEED THEIR VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS. IT'S CRITICAL THE ANIMAL STAYS ON HIS OR HER VACCINATION SCHEDULE. ALL APPOINTMENTS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO SCHEDULING. FOSTER2FOREVER COORDINATORS SHOULD BE CONTACTED AT FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM
- "FOSTER2FOREVER PAYS FOR ALL MEDICAL AND PREVENTATIVES FOR THE FOSTER ANIMAL IF IT IS APPROVED AHEAD OF TIME. WITHOUT APPROVAL THE FOSTER WILL COVER THE FULL COST OF ANY MEDICAL CARE. FOSTER2FOREVER RESPONDS TO ALL EMERGENCY CASES FIRST. ALL OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH A FOSTER COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLY."
- CATS/KITTENS IN FOSTER MUST REMAIN INDOORS AT ALL TIMES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOUR FOSTER BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE.



# GOAL OF FOSTERING CONTINUED...

- A WEEK BEFORE YOUR FOSTER HAS COMPLETED THEIR AGE-APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS EMAIL FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM A BIO ABOUT YOUR KITTEN, 3 PICTURES, AND THE COMPLETED FOSTER2FOREVER BIO SHEET (ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT). TIP: THE ADOPTION COORDINATORS PREFER A FACE SHOT, BODY SHOT, AND ACTION SHOT. FEEL FREE TO SEND MORE THAN 3 PICTURES AND THE BEST PICTURES WILL BE USED. ADOPTERS LOVE WHEN VIDEOS ARE ALSO INCLUDED SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INCLUDE A VIDEO AS WELL. REMINDER: PLEASE TAKE ALL PICTURES AND VIDEOS IN GOOD LIGHTING!

- IF NOT DONE YET, PLEASE MESSAGE YOUR COORDINATOR ON FACEBOOK SO THAT SHE CAN CONNECT YOU IN WITH OTHER COORDINATORS AS WELL. IDEALLY, SHARING POSTS ABOUT YOUR FOSTER KITTEN WILL HELP US BRING MORE FOSTERS AND ADOPTERS INTO THIS RESCUE! WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL OUR FOSTERS AND COULD NOT RESCUE EACH ANIMAL WITHOUT EACH OF YOU AND NEW FUTURE FOSTERS.

- VACATION RELIEF: IF YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION, YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE CAN HELP FIND SOMEONE TO KEEP YOUR FOSTER. FOR HOLIDAYS, WE NEED TO KNOW UP TO THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE. ALTHOUGH WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO FIND A KITTEN SITTER OR ANOTHER FOSTER WHILE YOU ARE ON VACATION, IT IS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FOSTER TO FIND SOMEONE YOU TRUST AS WELL. ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND THE BEST CANDIDATE, SEND THE CONTACT INFORMATION TO YOUR ADOPTION COORDINATOR. THE ADOPTION COORDINATOR WILL THEN GET IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND MAKE SURE IT IS A SAFE TRANSITION FOR THE ANIMAL WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.

## BRINGING HOME THE KITTEN(S)!

WHEN YOU BRING HOME KITTENS, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIRST UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF CONDITION THEY ARE IN. IF YOU HAVE A SICK OR INJURED KITTEN IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE CARE PLEASE CONTACT THE FOSTER2FOREVER NEONATAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD MEMBER MARIS COTTRELL AT (979) 446-3960.

ONCE APPROVED THE RESCUE WILL FOLLOW ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO GET THE KITTEN THE BEST CARE THAT IS NEEDED. GASPING FOR AIR, CANNOT BREATHE, SUFFERING FROM A PAINFUL INFECTION TO THE EYES OR SKIN, BLEEDING FROM ANY AREA OR IF THE KITTEN IS LIMP/LETHARGIC. IF THE KITTENS SEEM IN STABLE CONDITION, BRING THEM HOME AND FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

### FEEDING THEM

MUCH OF THE TIME WHEN BRINGING A KITTEN INTO OUR RESCUE, THEY WILL HAVE GONE TOO LONG WITHOUT FOOD. FOR THIS REASON, YOU WILL WANT TO FEED THEM RIGHT AWAY. KITTENS 0-4 WEEKS WITH NO MOM WILL NEED TO BE BOTTLE-FED USING A KITTEN FORMULA. NEVER GIVE COW'S MILK TO A KITTEN -- THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS!! PLEASE CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS WITH ANY BOTTLE-FEEDING QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

AT AROUND 4- 5 WEEKS OF AGE, PREMOLARS START TO COME IN, THIS MEANS YOUR SWEET KITTEN WILL START CHEWING. THE KITTEN WILL LIKELY BEGIN CHEWING ON THE NIPPLE OF THE BOTTLE OR BEING LOUDER THAN USUAL WHEN CRYING. USE ONLY CANNED KITTEN PATE AT FIRST. YOU MIGHT WONDER WHAT THIS IS.... SIMPLY MIX WITH SOME FORMULA TO CREATE A SLURRY AND LET KITTENS TRY TO LICK IT, OR USE A LARGER NIPPLE AND FEED VIA BOTTLE UNTIL THEY ARE USED TO THE TASTE. FOOD CHANGE OVER RATIO SHOULD START AT 75% FORMULA-25% PATE AND SLOWLY INCREASE TO MORE PATE. AFTER A FEW DAYS OF SLURRY, YOU CAN TRY SOME MIXED-UP KITTEN PATE ON A PLATE. IF THE KITTEN IS REFUSING TO MOVE TO PATE, TRY MAKING YOUR SLURRY WITH MORE FORMULA AND THEN OFFERING THE PATE WHEN THEY ARE STILL HUNGRY.



# MATERNITY FOSTERING

AS A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT MATERNITY FOSTERING... BEING A MATERNITY FOSTER IS NOT AN EASY JOB. IT IS WORK FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, BUT YOU ARE REWARDED THROUGHOUT THIS AMAZING EXPERIENCE. IT IS ALSO THE MOST REWARDING FEELING SEEING THE MOM AND BABIES YOU SAVED AND RAISED GOING TO AWESOME HOMES. MOMS AND KITTENS SHOULD BE KEPT TOGETHER UNTIL THE KITTENS ARE 6-8 WEEKS OLD, OR UNTIL A FOSTER COORDINATOR STATES DIFFERENTLY. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE KITTENS. THEY LEARN A TON FROM EACH OTHER AND FROM THEIR MOTHER!

## THE MOM'S ARE IN CHARGE

FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF LIFE, MOM SHOULD DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR THE KITTENS. AFTER THAT, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO START SHARING SOME OF THE KITTEN CARE DUTIES WITH HER, IF SHE IS WILLING! BELOW IS AN EXPLANATION OF THE NORMAL CARE A MOM CAT GIVES TO HER KITTENS, WITH AN APPROXIMATE TIMELINE, SO YOU WILL KNOW WHAT BEHAVIORS TO EXPECT. ALL CATS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, WITH SOME BEING MORE ATTENTIVE MOMS THAN OTHERS, BUT IF A MOM CAT FAILS TO CARE FOR HER BABIES IN ANY OF THESE IMPORTANT WAYS, REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

## NURSING MOMMAS AND THEIR BABIES

KITTENS BEGIN TO NURSE 1-2 HOURS AFTER BIRTH. THOUGH BORN WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED, THEY CAN FIND THEIR MOTHER BY HER WARMTH, AND SHE SHOULD MAKE THIS EASIER BY LYING NEAR THEM ON HER SIDE.

AT FIRST, THE MOTHER WILL START LICKING THE KITTENS TO WAKE THEM. THE KITTENS WILL FOLLOW THEIR MOTHERS LEAD AND AFTER A LITTLE SEARCHING, KITTENS QUICKLY LATCH ON.

AFTER THE KITTENS ARE 2-3 WEEKS OLD THEIR EYES AND EARS ARE FUNCTIONING AND THEY CAN INTERACT WITH THEIR MOTHER INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE NEST. THEY WILL ALSO BEGIN TO INITIATE WHEN THEY WANT TO NURSE. TYPICALLY, THE MOTHER SHOULD COOPERATE BY LAYING DOWN AND ACCEPT HER KITTENS NURSING ON HER.

LASTLY, WHEN THE KITTENS ARE AROUND 5 WEEKS OF AGE, THE KITTENS WILL INITIATE ALL THE TIMES THEY ARE READY TO NURSE. HOWEVER, AT THIS AGE THE MOTHER WILL BE LESS WILLING TO NURSE AND THAT IS OKAY! KITTENS CAN BEGIN EATING WET KITTEN FOOD!

## YES! EVEN MOTHER CATS HAVE BEHAVIORS!

**MATERNAL NEGLECT**—SADLY KITTENS CAN DIE FROM INADEQUATE MATERNAL CARE. THE DEATHS ARE USUALLY DUE TO HYPOTHERMIA IF THE KITTEN STRAYS AWAY AND IS NOT RETRIEVED, OR IMPROPER NURSING HAS OCCURRED. MATERNAL NEGLECT HAS SEVERAL CAUSES— BELIEVE IT OR NOT MATERNAL INSTINCT DOES NOT ALWAYS COME NATURALLY. OTHER TIMES IT IS NATURE'S WAY: IF KITTENS HAVE BIRTH DEFECTS OR ARE OTHERWISE WEAK AT BIRTH, THE MOM MAY IGNORE THEM, OR AS DISCUSSED BELOW, CANNIBALIZE THEM. IN MANY CASES, IT SEEMS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS PLAYS A ROLE. THIS IS WHY IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT BE KEPT CALM AND QUIET FOSTERS SHOULD MAKE AS VERY FEW VISITS IN THE MOTHER'S SPACE AS POSSIBLE. CATS SHOULD PRIMARILY BE LEFT ALONE THE FIRST 2 WEEKS POSTPARTUM EXCEPT TO FEED, CLEAN, AND CHECK IN ON THE BABIES A FEW SHORT MINUTES A DAY TO MAKE SURE THE MOTHER IS DOING EVERYTHING CORRECTLY!



# **MATERNAL AGGRESSION TOWARDS OTHERS**

## **YES! BOTH! PEOPLE AND PETS!**

OCCASIONALLY, MOTHER CATS HAVE STRONG PROTECTIVE INSTINCTS AGAINST BOTH PEOPLE AND OTHER ANIMALS. THEY MAY HISS, GROWL, OR STRIKE OUT IF THEIR KITTENS ARE APPROACHED. WE UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT KNOW THE BACKGROUND OF MANY OF OUR FOSTER ANIMALS UPON INTAKE AND CAN NOT GUARANTEE IF THESE BEHAVIORS WILL OCCUR OR NOT. IF THE BEHAVIORS DO OCCUR, MOVE VERY SLOWLY AROUND THE MOM CAT AND THEIR NEST. WE RECOMMEND WEARING A LONG SLEEVED SWEATSHIRT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AS YOU CLEAN ANYTHING AROUND HER. TRY TO BRIBE HER WITH TASTY TREATS SUCH AS TUNA PACKETS. SPEAK IN A SOFT, REASSURING VOICE, AND TRY TO NOT REACT IF THE MOM CAT HISSES OR GROWLS. WE DO NOT CORRECT THE MOTHER CAT BY SPRAYING HER WITH WATER OR OTHER FORMS OF CORRECTION. REMEMBER, SHE IS ACTING OUT TO PROTECT HER YOUNG AND IF SHE BELIEVES YOU ARE A THREAT HER BEHAVIORS MAY INCREASE!

**'MAKE SURE TO INFORM A BOARD MEMBER IF MATERNAL AGGRESSION IS OCCURRING'**

## **SEPARATING MOMS AND BABIES**

IF ALL OF YOUR FOSTER ANIMALS, MOM INCLUDED, ARE HEALTHY AND FRIENDLY, WE HAVE NO REASON TO SEPARATE MOM FROM KITTENS BEFORE THEY ARE EIGHT WEEKS OLD. BUT THERE ARE A FEW MEDICAL OR BEHAVIORAL REASONS FOR SEPARATING THEM EARLIER THAN EIGHT WEEKS.

HOWEVER:

IF THE MOTHER CAT IS SHOWING SIGNS OF MATERNAL NEGLECT AND IS NO LONGER CARING FOR HER KITTENS, THE FOSTER COORDINATOR MAY DECIDE TO SEPARATE HER FROM HER KITTENS.

IF THE MOTHER CAT IS SEMI-FERAL OR VERY UNDER SOCIALIZED, WE MAY DECIDE TO SEPARATE THE KITTENS ONCE THEY ARE EATING ON THEIR OWN CONSISTENTLY AND NO LONGER NEED TO NURSE (AROUND FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS OLD). SEPARATING THEM WOULD PREVENT THE KITTENS FROM LEARNING FERAL BEHAVIORS FROM THEIR MOTHER AND HELP THEM TO BECOME SOCIALIZED, WHICH INCREASES THEIR CHANCES OF FINDING FOREVER HOMES.

IF THERE IS A MEDICAL CONCERN ABOUT THE MOM OR BABIES, A VETERINARIAN MAY ADVISE TO SEPARATE THE KITTENS FROM THEIR MOTHER.

THE KITTENS' BEST CHANCE AT SURVIVAL IS TO STAY WITH THEIR MOM. PLEASE DO NOT SEPARATE YOUR FOSTER KITTENS FROM THEIR MOM FOR ANY REASON, OR ATTEMPT TO SUPPLEMENT THE MOTHER'S MILK WITH FORMULA, WITHOUT CONSULTING THE FOSTER COORDINATOR.

## **NO MORE SLURRY!?!**

AFTER KITTENS ARE SUCCESSFULLY EATING THIS SLURRY AND/OR PATE, INTRODUCE DRY KITTEN FOOD AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER IN A SHALLOW DISH AS WELL. LEAVE THESE AVAILABLE AND MONITOR. YOU WILL NOTICE WHEN THEY BECOME INTERESTED. WEIGH KITTENS REGULARLY DURING THE WEANING PROCESS. IF THEY LOSE WEIGHT, BACK UP A STEP AND/OR SUPPLEMENT WITH FORMULA. MOST KITTENS CAN WEAN FROM FORMULA TO WET AND DRY KITTEN FOOD COMPLETELY BY SIX WEEKS.

SOME KITTENS MAY NEED MORE TIME BEING BOTTLE-FED DUE TO HEALTH, WEIGHT, OR SIZE. A FEW CAN SIMPLY BE STUBBORN. IT'S OKAY TO SUPPLEMENT FOOD WITH FORMULA AS NEEDED. REACH OUT FOR ADVICE IF THEY STILL AREN'T FULLY WEANED BY EIGHT WEEKS.

FEED KITTENS HALF TO A FULL CAN OF WET FOOD DAILY, WITH PLENTY OF DRY FOOD AND LOW LEVELS OF WATER. ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ADJUST TO ENSURE THAT THE KITTEN CONTINUES TO GAIN WEIGHT. KITTENS 4-5 WEEKS ARE WEANING AND CAN EAT SLURRY, A COMBINATION OF FORMULA AND WET KITTEN FOOD. KITTENS 5-6 WEEKS PLUS CAN GENERALLY EAT WET KITTEN FOOD. MAKE SURE THE CAN SAYS IT IS FOR KITTENS, AND PROVIDE FRESH WATER AT ALL TIMES AS WELL.





# SCRUB A DUB DUB THERE ARE KITTENS IN A TUB...NO...THEY'RE IN A SINK!

CHECK THE KITTEN FOR FLEAS BY COMBING THROUGH THE FUR WITH YOUR FINGERS OR IF ACCESSIBLE A FLEA COMB. YOU MAY SEE ACTIVE, LIVE FLEAS WHICH ARE FAST-MOVING, SMALL, BUGS THAT QUICKLY MOVE THROUGH THE FUR. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SEE ANY ACTIVE LITTLE CREEPY CRAWLING BUGS LOOK FOR FLEA DIRT, WHICH LOOKS LIKE YOU GUESSED IT DIRT, AND IT IS A SIGN THAT THE KITTEN HAS FLEAS-- EVEN IF YOU DON'T SEE LIVE BUGS. IF EITHER FLEAS OR FLEA DIRT ARE PRESENT, TREAT THE KITTEN FOR FLEAS RIGHT AWAY.

PLEASE NOTE: NEVER USE A TOPICAL CHEMICAL TREATMENT ON A KITTEN YOUNGER THAN EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE, AS THIS MAY BE TOXIC TO A YOUNG KITTEN. INSTEAD, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE KITTEN WITH A BATH!

YOUNG KITTENS CANNOT REGULATE THEIR OWN BODY TEMPERATURE, AND BEING WET CAN DROP THEIR TEMPERATURE DANGEROUSLY LOW AND CAUSE HYPOTHERMIA. HOWEVER, IF FLEAS OR FLEA DIRT IS SEEN ON YOUR FOSTER KITTEN/KITTENS PLEASE GIVE THEM A QUICK WARM BATH. WE RECOMMEND YOU GIVE A BATH IN BLUE DAWN DISH SOAP. HOWEVER, FRAGRANCE FREE BABY SHAMPOO IS APPROPRIATE. WHEN IT IS TIME TO COMPLETE THE BATH, YES, QUICK MEANS QUICK! YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE BATH IN UNDER TWO MINUTES, AS KITTENS MAY BECOME ANXIOUS AND CHILLED DURING THE PROCESS.

YOU WILL MAKE A RING OF BUBBLY WATER AROUND THE KITTEN'S NECK AND SCRUB THEIR BODY WITH THE SOAP. WASH THE NECK FIRST, THEN WORK YOUR WAY DOWN THE REST OF THE BODY, LATHERING WITH WARM WATER AND DISH SOAP. WASH THE ENTIRE BODY FROM THE NECK DOWN, INCLUDING BETWEEN THE TOES, UNDER THE ARMS, AND ON THE TAIL. FOR THE KITTEN'S HEAD YOU WILL USE A COTTON BALL AND GENTLY WASH THEIR HEAD. STAY AWAY FROM EYES, EARS, AND NOSE. RINSE COMPLETELY WITH CLEAN, WARM WATER. IMMEDIATELY TOWEL DRY THE KITTEN. AFTER TOWEL DRYING THE KITTEN YOU MUST USE A BLOW DRYER TO FINISH DRYING THE KITTEN. THE BLOW DRYER MUST BE ON A LOW SETTING AND HELD AT LEAST TWO FEET AWAY, AND IS OSCILLATING TO AVOID OVERHEATING. DRY THE KITTEN COMPLETELY! AFTER THE BATH IS COMPLETED PLACE THE KITTEN BACK INTO A WARM ENVIRONMENT WHICH INCLUDES A WARM HEAT SOURCE COVERED WITH A BLANKET IN A QUIET AREA. KITTENS BECOME CHILLED FROM A BATH VERY EASILY, AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE KITTEN BE KEPT WARM. IN THE EVENT THAT MORE THAN ONE KITTEN NEEDS A BATH PLEASE REMEMBER THE ENTIRE PROCESS SHOULD BE FULLY COMPLETED PRIOR TO CONTINUING ON TO THE NEXT KITTEN.

LASTLY, SEND AN EMAIL TO [FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM) AND A FOSTER COORDINATOR WILL BE IN CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE KITTEN/KITTENS AS POSSIBLE IN EVERY EMAIL. WE HAVE MANY ANIMALS IN THE RESCUE (BOTH DOGS AND CATS) AND WITHOUT ADEQUATE INFORMATION THERE IS LIKELY TO BE DELAY IN OUR RESPONSE FOR THE BEST TREATMENT POSSIBLE.



# WEIGHING YOUR FOSTER KITTEN

PLEASE WEIGH YOUR KITTY AS SOON AS YOU GET THEM SETTLED IN. YOU WILL NEED TO WEIGH YOUR FOSTER REGULARLY TO ENSURE THEY ARE GAINING WEIGHT APPROPRIATELY AND SO THAT ANY PREVENTATIVES AND OTHER MEDICATIONS CAN BE DOSED CORRECTLY. A DIGITAL SCALE THAT WEIGHS IN GRAMS SHOULD BE USED FOR KITTENS UNDER 8 WEEKS. FOR OLDER KITTENS AND ADULTS, YOU MAY WANT TO USE A BABY SCALE, OR HAVE THE ANIMAL WEIGHED AT A VET.

-BOTTLE BABY KITTENS (3.5 WEEKS AND UNDER) NEED TO BE WEIGHED BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY FEEDING TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE EATING ENOUGH AT EACH FEEDING.

-GRUEL KITTENS (3.5-5 WEEKS) NEED TO BE WEIGHED EACH TIME THEY ARE GIVEN WET FOOD (EVERY 4-5 HOURS DURING THE DAY) TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE EATING ENOUGH ON THEIR OWN TO GAIN WEIGHT APPROPRIATELY.

-KITTENS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER SHOULD BE WEIGHED WEEKLY.

ALL WEIGHTS MUST BE RECORDED ALTOGETHER IN ONE DOCUMENT. YOU MUST KEEP TRACK OF THEM. YOU CAN DO THIS HOWEVER YOU LIKE, ON A PIECE OF PAPER, IN A SPREADSHEET, ETC.

ALL WEIGHTS MUST BE EMAILED TO FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM BY SUNDAY EACH WEEK AT 11:59 PM.

PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE A KITTEN THAT IS 5 WEEKS OF AGE AND UNDER PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT YOUR WEIGHTS ARE DUE EVERY WEEK AT 11:59PM ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS!

\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\*PLEASE WATCH THE KITTEN CLOSELY. UNWILLINGNESS TO EAT IN KITTENS CAN BE VERY SERIOUS, SO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHETHER THE KITTEN(S) IS EATING. KITTENS SHOULD EAT ON A FOUR-TO EIGHT-HOUR SCHEDULE, DEPENDING ON THEIR AGE. IF A KITTEN UNDER FOUR WEEKS OLD MISSES TWO MEALS OR A KITTEN OVER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE GOES MORE THAN 12 HOURS WITHOUT EATING, REACH OUT TO YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR. WITH A KITTEN THAT IS NOT EATING, PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE KITTEN'S DIET WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION. AN ABRUPT CHANGE IN DIET CAN CAUSE DIARRHEA, WHICH WILL LEAD TO DEHYDRATION. FOR KITTENS 8 WEEKS AND YOUNGER, WEIGHT GAIN IS THE BIGGEST SIGN THEY ARE HEALTHY. A KITTEN THAT IS NOT EATING ON THEIR OWN AND/OR NOT GAINING WEIGHT MAY NEED MEDICATION. THEY MAY ALSO NEED TO BE SYRINGE FED. KITTENS WHO ARE LOSING WEIGHT CAN DECLINE QUICKLY, SO ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM TEDIOUS TO TRACK AND EMAIL WEIGHTS IN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

## GETTING IN A ROUTINE BOTTLE BABIES

KITTENS UNDER 8 WEEKS OLD NEED TO BE FED ON A SCHEDULE TO ENSURE THEY ARE GAINING THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF WEIGHT AND GROWING/DEVELOPING ON SCHEDULE. HOW OFTEN YOUR KITTEN NEEDS TO BE FED WILL DEPEND ON ITS AGE.

BOTTLE BABIES (KITTENS 3.5 WEEKS AND UNDER)- NEED TO BE FED EVERY 2-3 HOURS DURING THE DAY AND CAN GO 4 HOURS OVERNIGHT.

KITTEN FORMULA IS MADE UP OF YOU WILL MIX 1 PART POWDERED FORMULA TO 2 PARTS WATER. SO IF YOU USE 1 SCOOP FORMULA, YOU WILL USE 2 SCOOPS OF WATER. MIX VERY WELL UNTIL THERE ARE NO LUMPS. YOU MAY NEED TO USE A WHISK TO GET LUMPS OUT, OR YOU CAN MIX IN A BLENDER. FILL YOUR BOTTLE WITH THE MIXED FORMULA, AND MICROWAVE IN 10 SECOND INTERVALS. SHAKE THE BOTTLE WELL AND ALWAYS TEST THE TEMPERATURE OF THE MILK ON THE INSIDE OF YOUR ARM/WRIST BEFORE FEEDING THE KITTEN. EVERY MICROWAVE IS DIFFERENT AND THE MILK CAN GET TOO HOT, WHICH CAN BURN THE KITTEN'S MOUTH. THE FORMULA SHOULD BE WARM, BUT NOT HOT.

ONCE YOUR BOTTLE IS READY AND THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE, OFFER IT TO THE KITTEN. YOU MAY NEED TO GENTLY INSERT THE NIPPLE INTO THE KITTEN'S MOUTH TO GET IT TO START SUCKLING. NEVER SQUEEZE THE BOTTLE WHILE THE NIPPLE IS IN THE KITTEN'S MOUTH, THIS CAN CAUSE ASPIRATION, WHICH CAN LEAD TO PNEUMONIA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY ISSUES. ONCE THE KITTEN LATCHES ONTO THE NIPPLE AND STARTS SUCKLING, LET THEM DRINK AS MUCH AS THEY WANT.



# GETTING IN A ROUTINE BOTTLE BABIES CONTINUED

ALL KITTENS NEED A SCHEDULE- THAT'S RIGHT, A SCHEDULE. IT NOT ONLY MAKES THE KITTEN FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE BUT MAKES FOSTERING EASIER WHEN THERE IS A SCHEDULE SET IN PLACE. EVERY FEW HOURS, DEPENDING ON YOUR KITTEN'S AGE YOU SHOULD BE STIMULATING THEM, FEEDING THEM, AND SHOWING THEM THEIR SAFETY ZONE SO THEY CAN SLEEP. AS THEY AGE, ONCE THEY ARE LITTER BOX TRAINED, FOSTERING A KITTEN IS ALL ABOUT SOCIALIZATION. INTRODUCE YOUR SWEET KITTEN TO YOUR FRIENDS AND ONCE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR QUARANTINE PERIOD THEY CAN MEET ALL YOUR PERSONAL PETS!

BOTTLE BABIES SHOULD DRINK ABOUT 5 GRAMS PER 100 GRAMS OF BODY WEIGHT PER FEEDING. SO IF YOUR KITTEN WEIGHS 120 GRAMS BEFORE FEEDING, THEY NEED TO DRINK ABOUT 6 GRAMS (OR ML/CC). THE BEST WAY TO SEE IF YOUR KITTEN IS DRINKING ENOUGH IS TO WEIGH THEM BEFORE FEEDING, AND THEN AFTER (BUT BEFORE STIMULATING). IF THEY START AT 120 GRAMS, THEY SHOULD END AT 126 GRAMS. IT'S PERFECTLY FINE IF THE KITTEN EATS MORE THAN THAT!

BOTTLE BABY KITTENS MUST BE STIMULATED TO HELP THEM GO TO THE BATHROOM AFTER EVERY FEEDING. WHEN KITTENS ARE WITH A MOM, SHE DOES THIS FOR THEM, BUT IF THE KITTENS ARE ORPHANS, THEIR FOSTER HAS TO HELP THEM! TO STIMULATE A BOTTLE BABY, TAKE AN UNSCENTED BABY WIPE, AND GENTLY WIPE THEIR GENITALS AND ANUS, IN A FRONT TO BACK MOTION. MOST BOTTLE BABIES WILL URINATE AFTER EVERY FEEDING AND SHOULD POOP AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 24 HOURS (THOUGH THEY MAY GO MORE OFTEN). KEEP USING THE FRONT TO BACK MOTION UNTIL THE KITTEN STOPS PEEING AND/OR POOPING.

IF YOUR BOTTLE BABY GETS FORMULA ON ITS FACE/FUR, YOU CAN GENTLY CLEAN IT WITH AN UNSCENTED BABY WIPE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU BATHE A BOTTLE BABY, AS THIS CAN CAUSE THE KITTEN TO BECOME HYPOTHERMIC, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

AT EVERY FEEDING, YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK THE KITTEN'S BEDDING. IF ANY OF IT IS WET OR SOILED, REPLACE IT WITH FRESH, DRY BEDDING.

BOTTLE BABIES MUST HAVE A HEAT SOURCE (A WARM SNUGGLE SAFE DISC OR A HEATING PAD WITH NO AUTO-SHUT OFF) AT ALL TIMES! KITTENS UNDER 6 WEEKS OLD CANNOT REGULATE THEIR OWN BODY TEMPERATURE, AND WITHOUT A HEAT SOURCE, THEY WILL BECOME DANGEROUSLY HYPOTHERMIC. PLEASE NOTE- KITTENS HAVE A HIGHER BODY TEMPERATURE THAN HUMANS DO, SO TRYING TO USE YOUR OWN BODY HEAT WILL NOT WARM THEM UP!

BOTTLE BABIES SHOULD BE KEPT IN A CARRIER OR SMALL CRATE/BOX. THEY MUST STAY CLOSE TO A HEAT SOURCE SO YOU DON'T WANT TO PUT THEM IN A LARGE AREA WHERE THEY CAN WANDER OFF AND GET COLD. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE TINY, THEY CAN MOVE QUITE A DISTANCE!



# GETTING IN A ROUTINE GRUEL KITTENS

GRUEL KITTENS (KITTENS 4 TO 5 WEEKS) NEED TO BE FED EVERY 4-5 HOURS DURING THE DAY AND CAN GO 7-8 HOURS OVERNIGHT

GRUEL KITTENS SHOULD HAVE DRY KITTEN FOOD AND WATER AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES, AND GRUEL (WET FOOD MIXED WITH WATER IN A RATIO OF 2 PARTS WET FOOD TO 1 PART WATER) OFFERED TO THEM EVERY 4-5 HOURS. TO MAKE THE GRUEL, SIMPLY MIX 1 CAN WET FOOD WITH HALF A CAN OF WATER AND MIX. PUT SOME ON A PLATE (NO BOWLS BECAUSE THEY ARE HARDER TO EAT FROM) AND WARM IN THE MICROWAVE FOR 5-10 SECONDS. STIR THE GRUEL WITH YOUR FINGER TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO HOT SPOTS. THE GRUEL SHOULD BE WARM, BUT NOT HOT.

GRUEL KITTENS SHOULD BE EATING 5% OF THEIR BODY WEIGHT AT EACH FEEDING, OR 5 GRAMS PER 100 GRAMS OF BODY WEIGHT. SO IF YOUR GRUEL KITTEN WEIGHS 300 GRAMS, THEY SHOULD BE EATING ABOUT 15 GRAMS OF FOOD EVERY TIME THEY EAT. WEIGH YOUR KITTEN BEFORE EVERY FEEDING TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE GAINING WEIGHT!

GRUEL KITTENS SHOULD BE GOING TO THE BATHROOM ON THEIR OWN IN THE LITTERBOX. THEY MAY HAVE A FEW ACCIDENTS AS THEY LEARN THIS NEW SKILL, BUT THEY USUALLY PICK IT UP VERY QUICKLY! BE SURE TO USE UNSCENTED, NON-CLUMPING LITTER. KITTENS ARE VERY CURIOUS AT THIS AGE AND MAY TRY TO EAT THE LITTER. CLUMPING LITTER CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS IF INGESTED AND CAUSE BLOCKAGES IF INGESTED. IF YOUR GRUEL KITTEN IS HAVING A LOT OF ACCIDENTS, TRY KEEPING THEM IN A SMALLER AREA WHEN UNSUPERVISED. REMEMBER, THEY'RE BABIES AND IT CAN BE HARD FOR THEM TO MAKE IT TO A LITTER BOX THAT'S TOO FAR AWAY WHEN THEY NEED TO GO POTTY.

IF YOUR GRUEL KITTEN GETS FOOD ON ITS FACE/FUR, YOU CAN GENTLY CLEAN IT WITH AN UNSCENTED BABY WIPE. PLEASE DO NOT BATHE GRUEL KITTENS, AS THIS CAN CAUSE THEM TO BECOME HYPOTHERMIC, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

AT EVERY FEEDING, YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK THE KITTEN'S BEDDING. IF ANY OF IT IS WET OR SOILED, REPLACE IT WITH FRESH, DRY BEDDING.

GRUEL KITTENS MUST HAVE A HEAT SOURCE (A WARM SNUGGLE SAFE DISC OR A HEATING PAD WITH NO AUTO-SHUTOFF) AT ALL TIMES! KITTENS UNDER 6 WEEKS OLD CANNOT REGULATE THEIR OWN BODY TEMPERATURE, AND WITHOUT A HEAT SOURCE, THEY WILL BECOME DANGEROUSLY HYPOTHERMIC. PLEASE NOTE- KITTENS HAVE A HIGHER BODY TEMPERATURE THAN HUMANS DO, SO TRYING TO USE YOUR OWN BODY HEAT WILL NOT WARM THEM UP!



# GETTING IN A ROUTINE

## KITTENS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER

SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO DRY FOOD AND WATER AT ALL TIMES, AND SHOULD BE OFFERED WET FOOD  
2-3 TIMES A DAY.

WEIGH KITTENS WEEKLY TO ENSURE THEY ARE GAINING WEIGHT.

AROUND 3-4 WEEKS OF AGE, YOUR KITTEN WILL BECOME MORE MOBILE AND WANT TO EXPLORE AND PLAY. SPEND TIME SOCIALIZING AND PLAYING WITH YOUR KITTEN! YOU CAN ALSO START PROVIDING THEM WITH KITTEN-APPROPRIATE TOYS TO HELP ENTERTAIN THEM. KEEP IN MIND THAT KITTENS UNDER 8 WEEKS OLD ARE BABIES, SO THEY WILL NEED LOTS OF DOWNTIME TO REST AND SLEEP!

## MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PREVENTATIVES

YOUR FOSTER WILL BE PUT ON THE FOSTER2FOREVER VACCINE/PREVENTION SCHEDULE. PREVENTION MEDICINES ARE REQUESTED BY A FOSTER COORDINATOR MONTHLY AND MAILED TO YOU AROUND THE END OF EVERY MONTH. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE MEDICINES MAILED, YOU MAY MEET A FOSTER COORDINATOR AT A PUBLIC LOCATION OF THE FOSTER COORDINATOR'S CHOOSING. FOSTER COORDINATORS MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE WEIGHT ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH IN ORDER TO SEND OUT THE PREVENTATIVES. PLEASE LET THE FOSTER COORDINATORS KNOW BY EMAIL, IF YOU AS A FOSTER ARE DONATING PREVENTATIVES.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL:

FLEA/TICK PREVENTATIVE. DO NOT GIVE 3 DAYS BEFORE/AFTER A BATH!!

DEWORMER: YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS IF YOUR FOSTER HAS NOT BEEN DEWORMED OR IF YOUR ESTABLISHED FOSTER HAS WORMS. IF MEDICATION WAS NOT ALREADY PROVIDED BE SURE TO EMAIL THE RESCUE@FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM SO THAT MEDICATION CAN BE ARRANGED FOR PICK UP. ESTABLISHED FOSTERS: GIVE ON THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE.

RECORD THE DATE (AND ITEM NAME) WHEN PREVENTATIVES AND MEDS ARE GIVEN ON YOUR FOSTER'S PET HEALTH RECORD. YOU ARE WELCOME TO CREATE A SHEET AND SEND IN AS WELL. ALL DATA MUST BE COLLECTED DAILY AND EMAILED IN EVERY SUNDAY BY 11:59PM.



# VACCINATION SCHEDULE, VETTING AND MICROCHIPPING (UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD)

- DEWORM IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING (IF TWO WEEKS OR OLDER) IF IT WAS NOT ALREADY PROVIDED BEFORE INTAKE, AND EVERY 2 WEEKS AFTER INITIAL DEWORMING UNTIL EITHER: WORM FREE OR 2 ROUNDS OF WORMER. KITTENS NEED TO ADHERE TO A STRICT DEWORMING SCHEDULE.
- FVRCP VACCINES ARE GIVEN BETWEEN 3-4 WEEK INTERVALS STARTING AT 6 WEEKS OLD.
- EMAIL ANY VET RECORDS YOU HAVE TO FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM. AFTER RECEIVING THE EMAIL A FOSTER COORDINATOR WILL SCHEDULE A VET TECH APPOINTMENT FOR ANY AGE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY RECORDS YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR EMAILING AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE A FEW DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO WORK AROUND THE VET AND VET TECH SCHEDULE FIRST.

## KITTEN VACCINATION SCHEDULE

KITTEN VACCINATION SCHEDULE (BOOSTERS ARE GIVEN 3-4 WEEKS AFTER THE INITIAL SHOT) HOWEVER, IT CAN NOT BE AFTER THE FOURTH WEEK MARK.

6 – 9 WEEKS OLD.

(FVRCP VACCINATION AND DEWORMER)  
ELIGIBLE TO GO HOME W/TEXAS ADOPTER  
AT 8 WEEKS

10-13 WEEKS

(FVRCP VACCINATION AND MICROCHIP AND DEWORMER)  
MUST WEIGH AT LEAST 2.5-3.0 LBS FOR A MICROCHIP  
ELIGIBLE TO GO ON TRANSPORT OUT OF STATE  
RABIES IS ONLY GIVEN AT THIS TIME IF GOING ON TRANSPORT

14-20 WEEKS

(FVRCP AND RABIES VACCINATION AND MICROCHIP AND DEWORMER)  
SCHEDULE FOR SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERY BY EMAILING FOSTER2FOREVERTX@GMAIL.COM AND A BOARD MEMBER WILL BOOK STERILIZATION SURGERY THROUGH A PARTNERING VETERINARIAN.



# SIGNS OF ILLNESS AND WHAT TO DO NEXT

KITTENS DO A GOOD JOB OF MASKING WHEN THEY DON'T FEEL WELL, SO DETERMINING IF A FOSTER KITTEN IS UNDER THE WEATHER WILL REQUIRE DILIGENT OBSERVATION OF THE KITTENS' DAILY ACTIVITY AND APPETITE LEVELS. BE AWARE THAT KITTENS ACT DIFFERENTLY AT DIFFERENT AGES. FOR EXAMPLE, A HEALTHY TWO-WEEK-OLD KITTEN WILL SLEEP OFTEN AND GET UP ONLY TO NURSE, WHEREAS A HEALTHY SIX-WEEK-OLD KITTEN SHOULD HAVE A LOT OF ENERGY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR FOSTER KITTENS, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER FOR GUIDANCE, THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. BELOW WE HAVE SOME SYMPTOMS AND WHAT TO DO IF THEY OCCUR.

**EYE DISCHARGE:** IT IS NORMAL FOR KITTENS TO HAVE SOME DISCHARGE FROM THEIR EYES WHEN THEY WAKE UP. BUT IF A KITTEN HAS YELLOW OR GREEN DISCHARGE, OR SWELLING AROUND THE EYES (MAKING IT HARD FOR HIM TO OPEN HIS EYES), OR THE THIRD EYELID IS SHOWING, YOU NEED TO CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER BECAUSE THE KITTEN MIGHT NEED MEDICINE TO HELP THEM RECOVER!

**LOSS OF APPETITE:** YOUR FOSTER KITTENS MAY BE STRESSED AFTER ARRIVING IN YOUR HOME, AND STRESS CAN CAUSE LACK OF APPETITE. UNWILLINGNESS TO EAT IN KITTENS CAN BE VERY SERIOUS, SO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHETHER THE KITTENS ARE EATING. KITTENS SHOULD EAT ON A FOUR- TO EIGHT-HOUR SCHEDULE, DEPENDING ON THEIR AGE. IF A KITTEN UNDER FOUR WEEKS OLD MISSES TWO MEALS OR A KITTEN OVER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE GOES MORE THAN 12 HOURS WITHOUT EATING, THE PROGRAM MANAGER SHOULD BE CALLED. WITH A KITTEN THAT IS NOT EATING, PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE KITTEN'S DIET WITHOUT CONTACTING THE PROGRAM MANAGER. AN ABRUPT CHANGE IN DIET CAN CAUSE DIARRHEA, WHICH WILL LEAD TO DEHYDRATION.

**SNEEZING AND NASAL DISCHARGE:** OCCASIONAL SNEEZING IS COMMON IN KITTENS. IF THE SNEEZING BECOMES MORE FREQUENT, EXAMINE THE DISCHARGE COMING FROM THE SNEEZE. IF THE DISCHARGE IS CLEAR, THE INFECTION IS PROBABLY VIRAL AND MEDICATION MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MONITOR THE KITTENS IN CASE THE PROBLEM BECOMES WORSE. IF THE DISCHARGE BECOMES COLORED, EMAIL THE RESCUE SO A BOARD MEMBER CAN ARRANGE TO GET THE KITTEN PROPER MEDICATION. BE SURE TO MONITOR THE KITTENS' BREATHING. IF THEY START TO BREATHE WITH AN OPEN MOUTH OR WHEEZE, TEXT A BOARD MEMBER AND THE PROPER PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED. ALSO, ONCE YOU NOTICE NASAL DISCHARGE, MONITOR THE KITTENS' EATING ROUTINE MORE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE STILL EATING. AND, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO WEIGH THEM DAILY.

**LETHARGY:** THE ACTIVITY LEVEL OF YOUR KITTENS WILL VARY WITH EACH KITTEN IN YOUR LITTER AND WITH AGE. SICK KITTENS MAY HAVE LOWER ENERGY LEVELS AND JUST WANT TO SIT IN YOUR LAP OR ON THE FLOOR AND NOT MOVE MUCH OR PLAY. IF YOU NOTICE A DROP IN YOUR FOSTER KITTENS' ENERGY LEVEL, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR TO MAKE A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. IF A KITTEN SEEMS WEAK AND UNABLE TO STAND, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, SO YOU'LL NEED TO START THE EMERGENCY CONTACT PROTOCOL.

**DEHYDRATION:** DEHYDRATION IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH DIARRHEA, VOMITING AND/OR LOSS OF APPETITE. TO TEST FOR DEHYDRATION, GENTLY PINCH THE KITTEN'S SKIN AROUND THE SCRUFF AREA. IF THE SKIN STAYS TAUT, THE KITTEN IS DEHYDRATED. PLEASE CALL THE FOSTER COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY AND START THE EMERGENCY CONTACT PROTOCOL, AS DEHYDRATION CAN BE FATAL IN KITTENS.

**VOMITING:** IF A FOSTER KITTEN HAS THROWN UP TWO OR MORE TIMES IN ONE DAY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FOSTER COORDINATOR. IF THERE IS BILE OR BLOOD IN THE VOMIT, PLEASE TEXT/CALL IMMEDIATELY.



# SIGNS OF ILLNESS AND WHAT TO DO NEXT CONTINUED

**PAIN OR STRAIN WHILE URINATING:** WHEN KITTENS FIRST GO INTO A FOSTER HOME, THEY MAY NOT URINATE DUE TO STRESS. IF A KITTEN HASN'T URINATED IN MORE THAN 24 HOURS, HOWEVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOSTER COORDINATOR. ALSO, IF YOU NOTICE THE KITTEN STRAINING TO URINATE WITH LITTLE OR NO RESULTS, OR CRYING OUT WHEN URINATING, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOSTER COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE IT MAY BE INDICATIVE OF AN INFECTION OR A URETHRAL OBSTRUCTION, WHICH CAN BE LIFE-THREATENING.

**DIARRHEA:** IN KITTENS, IT CAN BE TRICKY TO DETERMINE IF DIARRHEA IS A PROBLEM. SOFT STOOL DIARRHEA, MOST LIKELY CAUSED BY STRESS, IS NORMAL FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS AFTER YOU TAKE KITTENS HOME. KITTENS WHO ARE NURSING TEND TO HAVE LOOSE STOOL, BUT IF IT IS WATERY OR VERY LARGE IN VOLUME, THAT'S A CONCERN. BY THE TIME KITTENS ARE FIVE WEEKS OLD AND ARE EATING CONSISTENTLY ON THEIR OWN, THEY SHOULD HAVE FIRM, NORMAL STOOL. IF YOUR FOSTER KITTENS HAVE LIQUID STOOL, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER SO THAT THE PROPER MEDICATION CAN BE GIVEN.

ONCE YOUR KITTENS ARE USING A LITTER BOX, PLEASE MONITOR THE BOX DAILY. REMEMBER THAT DIARRHEA WILL DEHYDRATE YOUR KITTENS, SO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT CONTACTING A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGES IN THEIR ELIMINATIONS. IF A KITTEN HAS BLOODY OR MUCOID DIARRHEA IT IS AN EMERGENCY AND A TEXT/CALL SHOULD BE MADE ASAP.

**FREQUENT EAR SCRATCHING:** A FOSTER KITTEN MAY HAVE EAR MITES IF THEY ARE SCRATCHING THEIR EARS OFTEN AND/OR SHAKES THEIR HEAD FREQUENTLY, OR IF YOU SEE A DARK DISCHARGE THAT RESEMBLES LITTLE SPECS OF DIRT WHEN YOU LOOK IN HER EARS. EAR MITES CAN BE TREATED SO PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL AND PROPER MEDICATION CAN BE PROVIDED.

**HAIR LOSS.** PLEASE CONTACT THE FOSTER DEPARTMENT IF YOU NOTICE ANY HAIR LOSS ON YOUR FOSTER KITTENS. IT IS NORMAL FOR CATS TO HAVE THIN FUR AROUND THE LIPS, EYELIDS AND IN FRONT OF THE EARS, BUT CLUMPY PATCHES OF HAIR LOSS OR THINNING HAIR CAN INDICATE RINGWORM OR DERMATITIS WHICH ARE BOTH TREATABLE.

## FADING KITTEN SYNDROME

FADING KITTEN SYNDROME IS A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY IN WHICH A KITTEN "CRASHES" AND BEGINS TO FADE AWAY. THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS OF LIFE CAN BE THE MOST PERILOUS TIME FOR YOUNG KITTENS. SOME KITTENS MAY HAVE SUFFERED BIRTH TRAUMA OR OTHER PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE THEM FUNCTION BELOW THE LEVEL OF THEIR SIBLINGS. FADING KITTEN SYNDROME (FKS) IS SPECTRUM OF DISORDERS. THE COMMON DENOMINATOR IN ALL OF THE DISORDERS IS THAT THEY CAUSE A FAILURE TO THRIVE IN KITTENS. FKS IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A FELINE VERSION OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS). IN A LITTER OF KITTENS, YOU MAY NOTICE ONE OR TWO KITTENS NOT BEHAVING LIKE THE OTHERS. THEY MAY NOT TAKE TO NURSING FROM THEIR MOTHER. AND MAY BE SMALLER THAN THEIR SIBLINGS. THE MOM CAT MAY EVEN REJECT THE KITTENS IN ORDER TO FOCUS ON HER HEALTHY OFFSPRING. BECAUSE FADING KITTEN SYNDROME DOES NOT HAVE ONE SINGLE CAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT A MULTITUDE OF FACTORS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FAILURE TO THRIVE IN KITTENS.

**SYMPTOMS:** MAY INCLUDE: LOW BODY TEMPERATURE—THE KITTEN FEELS COOL OR COLD TO THE TOUCH, EXTREME LETHARGY—NOT GETTING UP, UNABLE TO STAND, NOT RESPONDING WHEN PET, GASPING FOR BREATH, MEOWING/CRYING OUT, CAN'T HOLD ITS HEAD UP, MOUTH BREATHING.

WHEN A KITTEN IS FADING, TWO THINGS ARE HAPPENING: HYPOTHERMIA (BEING TOO COLD) AND HYPOGLYCEMIA (LOW BLOOD SUGAR). YOU MUST GET THE KITTEN'S BODY TEMPERATURE UP AND RAISE ITS BLOOD SUGAR, OR IT WILL DIE. YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY!





# FADING KITTEN SYNDROME

KEEP IN MIND, EVEN WITH ALL THE LOVE AND ATTENTION AND PERFECT TREATMENT OF THIS CONDITION, SOME OF THEM STILL WON'T MAKE IT. TRY NOT TO BLAME YOURSELF DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME AND FOCUS ON ALL THE KITTENS YOU HAVE PERSONALLY SAVED BY FOSTERING. ANY KITTEN YOU'VE EVER TAKEN CARE OF WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE BECAUSE OF YOU!

## FIRST- GET THE KITTEN WARM

IMMEDIATELY WRAP IT UP IN A TOWEL LIKE A BURRITO, LEAVING ONLY THE KITTEN'S FACE EXPOSED. ITS WHOLE BODY—TAIL, EARS, AND PAWS--SHOULD BE IN THE TOWEL. DO NOT TAKE THE KITTEN OUT OF THE TOWEL TO ADJUST IT OR CHECK ON IT. EVERY TIME YOU TAKE THE KITTEN OUT, YOU WILL MAKE IT COLD AGAIN, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR A SECOND.

WRAP A HEATING PAD SET ON LOW AROUND THE TOWEL (TO AVOID BURNS) AS AN EXTRA SOURCE OF HEAT. SECURE IT AROUND THE TOWEL SO IT STAYS IN PLACE. THE KITTEN'S BODY CANNOT WARM ITSELF WITH ONLY A TOWEL; YOU HAVE TO APPLY EXTRA HEAT. YOUR OWN BODY HEAT WON'T WORK BECAUSE IT IS LOWER THAN WHAT A KITTEN'S SHOULD BE.

AS SOON AS THE KITTEN IS WARMED, WORK ON THE NEXT STEP WHICH IS

## SECOND-RAISE ITS BLOOD SUGAR

PUT SOME SUGAR OR KARO SYRUP IN WARM WATER AT A RATIO OF 1:1. PUT SOME OF THIS SOLUTION IN A SYRINGE AND GIVE THE KITTEN THREE DROPS EVERY THREE MINUTES. IF THE KITTEN IS NOT SWALLOWING, TRY RUBBING SOME KARO OR SUGAR WATER ON ITS GUMS AND TONGUE. IF YOU HAVE DEXTROSE OR GLUCOSE, THAT CAN BE USED IN PLACE OF SUGAR OR KARO. IF YOU DO HAVE DEXTROSE, IT WILL BE IN THE REFRIGERATOR.

WHATEVER SUGAR SOURCE YOU USE, TAKE CARE OF IT AND DO NOT CONTAMINATE ANYTHING BY DOUBLE-DIPPING SYRINGES.

BE SURE YOU ARE ADMINISTERING THE SUGAR EVERY THREE MINUTES.

## LASTLY-CONTACT THE NEONATAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS COORDINATOR OR ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND YOU RUSH THEM TO THE VET FOR MANY REASONS. YOU HAVE THE MOTIVATION TO SIT RIGHT THERE WITH THEM AND MAKE THEM YOUR TOP PRIORITY. A VET CLINIC HAS MANY PATIENTS IT IS HELPING AND CAN'T GIVE YOUR KITTEN THE 100% UNDIVIDED ATTENTION YOU CAN GIVE THEM.

YOUR KITTEN WILL CONTINUE TO BE COLD/HYPOGLYCEMIC ON THE WAY TO THE VET, IN THE WAITING ROOM, IN THE HOSPITAL WHILE THEY TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT IS WRONG, ETC. MOST KITTENS WON'T LAST LONG ENOUGH FOR THEM TO START THE TREATMENTS THERE. KEEP IN MIND, IT CAN SOMETIMES TAKE HOURS FOR THEM TO COME OUT OF IT AND START ACTING NORMALLY AGAIN. IF THEY DO COME OUT OF IT, MAKE SURE YOU CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER TO DISCUSS WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY CAUSED THEM TO FADE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE KITTEN ON ALL THE RIGHT MEDICAL TREATMENTS FOR ANY ILLNESSES THEY HAVE THAT MAY HAVE CAUSED IT.

KEEP IN MIND THAT IT CAN SOMETIMES TAKE HOURS FOR THEM TO COME OUT OF IT AND START ACTING NORMAL AGAIN. KNOW THAT EVEN WITH LOVE, ATTENTION, AND THE PERFECT TREATMENT, SOME FADING KITTENS STILL WON'T MAKE IT.

# LOSING A KITTEN OR KITTENS

THE DEATH OF KITTEN IS AN UPSETTING EXPERIENCE. NO MATTER HOW IT DIED, YOUR KITTEN HAS BECOME PART OF THE FAMILY. YOU'VE BONDED WITH THEM. YOU'VE SPENT TIME AND EFFORT TRAINING YOUR KITTEN. UNFORTUNATELY, KITTENS ARE FRAGILE AND CAN HAVE A HIGH MORTALITY RATE.

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, THE LOSS OF THE KITTEN(S) MAY BE EVEN MORE CHALLENGING FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND. THEY HAVE BUILT A BOND WITH THE KITTEN THAT IS INDESCRIBABLE. MAYBE- THIS WAS THEIR FIRST TIME THEY ENCOUNTERED A DEATH. IT MAY BE CHALLENGING IF YOUR OWN PERSONAL PETS HAVE BUILT A BOND WITH THE FOSTER ANIMAL AND NOW YOUR PET IS LONELY OR DEPRESSED SINCE THE FOSTER IS NO LONGER AROUND. THESE ARE ALL NORMAL FEELINGS AND ARE FEELINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY OTHER FOSTERS EITHER DUE TO PASSING FROM ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OR A FOSTER ANIMAL THAT SADLY PASSED WHILE IN FOSTER CARE WITH FOSTER2FOREVER.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND YOUR PAIN. WE WANT TO BE THERE WITH YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO GRIEF THROUGH THE PROCESS. WE ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOUR FOSTER RECEIVED WHILE IN YOUR HOME IS OFTEN TIMES THE ONLY LOVE THEY HAVE EVER BEEN SHOWN AND FOR THAT WE ARE ALL BEYOND THANKFUL!

IF YOU EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY COPING WITH THE LOSS OF YOUR KITTEN, THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE. AS MENTIONED ABOVE. MANY OF US HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS AND ARE HERE TO HELP YOU THROUGH IT.

DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ANOTHER FOSTER OR A BOARD MEMBER TO TALK. OFTEN TIMES BRINGING IN ANOTHER KITTEN TO SHOWER WITH LOVE CAN HELP BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO ARE COPING AND WE ARE READY TO PLACE YOU WITH ANOTHER FOSTER WHENEVER YOU FEEL READY!

PLEASE REMEMBER DO NOT BLAME YOURSELF- WHETHER A NEW FOSTER OR A FOSTER THAT HAS BEEN HELPING IN THE RESCUE WORLD FOR MANY YEARS, THE MORTALITY RATE IS QUITE HIGH WITH YOUNG KITTENS, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WITHOUT A MOM. MAKE RAISING KITTENS A FUN EXPERIENCE! ANY KITTEN YOU'VE EVER FOSTERED WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE BECAUSE OF YOU!

## STANDARD VETERINARY CARE FOR KITTENS

YOUR NEW KITTEN DESERVES THE BEST START IN LIFE. THIS MEANS PROVIDING EVERYTHING SHE NEEDS TO GROW AND STAY HEALTHY. FOSTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THEIR FOSTER BABIES TO THE VET.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL DO THE BEST THEY CAN TO HELP WITH VETTING APPOINTMENTS IF FOSTERS ARE UNABLE TO TAKE THEM. FOSTER2FOREVER ALSO HAS WONDERFUL PARTNERED VET TECHS AND MEDICAL FOSTERS THAT HAVE BEEN FOSTERING FOR MANY YEARS AND WERE TRAINED BY VETERINARY STAFF MEMBERS ON THE PROPER WAY TO GIVE VACCINES. VACCINES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR KITTEN'S HEALTH CARE PLAN.

GUESS WHAT— ALL SCHEDULED APPROVED VACCINATIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WITH ONE OF OUR MEDICALLY APPROVED FOSTERS OR VET TECHS AND THE COST IS COVERED IN FULL BY FOSTER2FOREVER.

HOWEVER, IF YOU SCHEDULE A VET APPOINTMENT THAT IS NOT APPROVED, EVEN AT AN APPROVED VET, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO COVER ANY VETTING COST. BASIC IMMUNIZATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT YOUR KITTEN FROM GETTING SICK AND AVOID THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.



### VACCINES

FVRCP VACCINE IS THE STANDARD FELINE DISTEMPER VACCINE. THIS IS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE AGAINST FELINE RHINOTRACHEITIS VIRUS, CALICIVIRUS, AND PANLEUKOPENIA. KITTENS RECEIVE THIS VACCINE BETWEEN 6-9 WEEKS OF AGE, AND THEN TWO BOOSTERS FOUR WEEKS APART. THE RABIES VACCINE IS REQUIRED BY LAW AND CAN BE GIVEN TO KITTENS BETWEEN 12-20 WEEKS OF AGE.

### FLEA TREATMENT

THIS IS ONLY NECESSARY WITH KITTENS WHO HAVE FLEAS OR FLEA DIRT. IF FLEAS ARE PRESENT IN KITTENS UNDER 6 WEEKS OF AGE, FLEA MEDICINES CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS.

WE RECOMMEND WASHING THE KITTEN WITH DAWN DISH SOAP (ONLY THE ORIGINAL BLUE DAWN SOAP!) MAKE A RING OF SOAP AROUND THE KITTEN'S NECK, THEN WORK THE SOAP INTO THE REST OF THE BODY WITH WARM (NOT HOT!) WATER. THE RING AROUND THE NECK WILL PREVENT FLEAS FROM CRAWLING TO THE KITTEN'S HEAD, AND ALL OF THE FLEAS WILL BE TRAPPED IN THE SOAP AND WILL DIE.

IF FLEAS ARE PRESENT IN KITTENS OVER EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE AND THE KITTEN WEIGHS 1.5 POUNDS AND OVER, USE FLEA TREATMENT REVOLT OR CATEGO WHICH IS DESIGNED FOR KITTENS. MAKE SURE TO KEEP TRACK OF WHEN THE MEDICINE IS GIVEN EVERY MONTH AND REACH OUT THROUGH E-MAIL TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO WHEN THE NEXT ONE IS DUE.

### DEWORMER

THE MOST COMMON WORMS IN KITTENS ARE ROUNDWORMS AND HOOKWORMS, SO YOU WILL WANT TO USE A DEWORMER. THE RESCUE PROVIDES A DEWORMER SUCH AS SAFEGUARD (A GENERIC OF PANACUR) OR PYRANTEL TO DEWORM THE KITTEN. FOSTERS WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE MEDICINE AT THE BOARD MEMBERS' HOUSE OR THE BOARD MEMBER CAN SCHEDULE A TIME WITH YOU TO COME TO YOU.

### SPAY/NEUTER

ALL FOSTER KITTENS SHOULD WEIGH AT LEAST THREE POUNDS AND BE BETWEEN FOUR-FIVE MONTHS AND NO LATER THAN SIX MONTHS OF AGE FOR STERILIZATION SURGERY. IF YOU ARE FOSTERING A MALE AND FEMALE KITTEN AROUND THE SAME AGE, THEY SHOULD BE SEPARATED UNTIL AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE FOSTERING A KITTEN OR A CAT THAT IS OLDER THAN THE AGE LISTED ABOVE YOU SHOULD E-MAIL THE RESCUE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS THAT THE ANIMAL IS IN YOUR CARE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

ALL KITTENS UNDER SIX MONTHS OF AGE CAN BE ADOPTED INTO FOREVER HOMES. FOSTER2FOREVER OFFERS ALL ADOPTING FAMILIES A DISCOUNT FOR STERILIZATION SURGERY IF IT IS COMPLETED BY AN APPROVED VETERINARIAN.

ALL ADOPTERS ARE REQUIRED TO VACCINATE THEIR KITTEN/CAT FOR RABIES, FVRCP, AND FELINE LEUKEMIA VACCINATIONS ONE YEAR FROM WHEN THE RABIES WAS GIVEN AS A KITTEN. THE NEXT ROUND OF VACCINES WILL BE DUE IN 3 YEARS. ALL STERILIZATION SURGERIES MUST BE PERFORMED BY SIX MONTHS OLD.

IF YOU GO TO THE VET, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THEIR TIME. WE RELY ON OUR VET-RESCUE RELATIONSHIP! THEY SEE MANY OF OUR ANIMALS AND DONATE A LOT OF TIME AND RESOURCES TO US. TRY TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT ASK FOR ANYTHING, THEY WILL CALL YOUR COORDINATOR TO CONFIRM PROCEDURES, TESTS, ETC. DO NOT EVER MISS A VET APPOINTMENT, BUT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL, AND CANCEL!!!



# LIST OF VETS FOSTER2FOREVER RESCUE USES:

DR. LYNANNE MOCKLER ([HTTPS://DRMOCKLERVET.COM/](https://drmocklervet.com/))

FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

SEE WEBSITE ABOVE FOR LIST OF SERVICES

APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED ONLINE ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM A BOARD MEMBER;

ADDRESS:

6203 BRIDLINGTON CIRCLE, AUSTIN, TX 78745

PRICKLY PEAR PET VACCINES

[HTTPS://PRICKLYPEARVETAUSTIN.COM](https://pricklypearvetaustin.com)

FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: RABIES VACCINATION AND HEARTWORM TEST (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE AT LEAST 6-8 MONTHS OF AGE)

BOTH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON A WALK- IN BASIS.

FOSTER2FOREVER HAS A RESCUE ACCOUNT AT THIS VET. SIMPLY LET THE RECEPTIONIST KNOW THAT YOU'RE BRINGING IN A FOSTER2FOREVER FOSTER ANIMAL WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR APPOINTMENT AND THE SERVICE WILL BE CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT.

EMANCIPET ([HTTPS://EMANCIPET.ORG/](https://emancipet.org/))

FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: RABIES VACCINATION AND HEARTWORM TEST (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE AT LEAST 6-8 MONTHS OF AGE)

BOTH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON A WALK- IN BAS

ALL THREE LOCATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

TEXAS HUMANE HEROES ([HTTPS://HUMANEHEROES.ORG/](https://humaneheroes.org/))

FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: RABIES VACCINATION AND HEART WORM TEST

10930 E CRYSTAL FALLS PKWY, LEANDER, TX 78641

BALCONES ANIMAL HOSPITAL

FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: STERILIZATION SURGERIES. ALL VACCINATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE STERILIZATION SURGERY. BALCONIES VET WILL CALL A BOARD MEMBER TO COLLECT PAYMENT ONCE YOUR FOSTER ANIMAL HAS RECOVERED FROM SURGERY.

6909 MCNEIL DRIVE

AUSTIN, TX 78729

IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY REMEMBER TO PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER THROUGH FACEBOOK OR TEXT AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE YOU AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF EMERGENCY VET CLINICS.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH A CLINIC LISTED ON THIS PAGE PAY FOR THE SERVICE YOURSELF AND SEND YOUR RECEIPT ALONG WITH YOUR CASH APP OR VENMO INFORMATION TO [FOSTER2FOREVERRECORDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOSTER2FOREVERRECORDS@GMAIL.COM) IN ORDER TO GET REIMBURSED. THE SUBJECT LINE MUST INCLUDE THE FOSTER ANIMALS NAME AND SERVICE THAT WAS RENDERED.

\*ALL VET CLINICS LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR THE AUSTIN AND SURROUNDING AREAS. HOWEVER, A BOARD MEMBER WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE RESCUE APPROVED VETERINARIANS FOR YOUR AREA. ALL OTHER POLICIES REMAIN THE SAME.



# MEDICAL EMERGENCIES :

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES MUST BE REPORTED TO A FOSTER2FOREVER BOARD MEMBER IMMEDIATELY. A MEDICAL EMERGENCY COULD BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A TEMPERATURE OVER 103F OR LESS THAN 98F
- TROUBLE BREATHING
- SEIZURES
- SEVERE LETHARGIC BEHAVIOR/NON-RESPONSIVE
- EVIDENCE OF SEVERE PAIN: RESTLESSNESS, VOCALIZING
- MAJOR WOUNDS REQUIRING SUTURE
- VOMITING EXCESSIVELY (3-4 TIMES) OR EXCESSIVE DIARRHEA
- NOT URINATING X 24 HOURS OR MORE

## ALL HEALTHY AND READY FOR ADOPTION!?

### TEXAS ADOPTIONS

KITTENS UNDER FIVE MONTHS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHIN TEXAS AFTER THEIR FIRST ROUND OF SHOTS

(PROVIDED AT EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE). ADULTS AND KITTENS OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHIN TEXAS AFTER THEIR BOOSTER SHOTS, RABIES SHOT, SPAY/NEUTER, AND MICROCHIP. VACCINATIONS WILL CONTINUE EVERY FOUR WEEKS UNTIL 16 WEEKS OF AGE.

### OUT OF STATE ADOPTIONS

FOSTER2FOREVER HAS OPEN ADOPTIONS IN TEXAS AND OTHER STATES IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT HAWAII, ALASKA AND CANADA. THEY CAN LEAVE ON TRANSPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- QUARANTINE: ANIMAL(S) MUST BE QUARANTINED FOR 10 DAYS PRIOR TO TRANSPORT.
- HEALTH CERTIFICATE: ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A USDA HEALTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN, WHICH MUST BE DATED WITHIN 5-10 DAYS OF TRANSPORT.
- RABIES CERTIFICATE: ALL ANIMALS 12 WEEKS AND OLDER REQUIRE A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE.
- CAT VACCINES: ALL CATS AND KITTENS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE UP-TO-DATE VACCINE RECORDS OR AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF AN FVRCP VACCINE.

### OUT OF STATE ADOPTION PROCESS

YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR WILL CALL YOU OR MESSAGE YOU IF YOUR FOSTER HAS AN INTERESTED ADOPTER. IF YOU FOUND THE POTENTIAL ADOPTER THAT IS WONDERFUL. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK! PLEASE LET YOUR FOSTER COORDINATOR KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO THAT TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED!

ALL KITTEN MEET AND GREETINGS ARE HELD ONLINE THROUGH A VIRTUAL PLATFORM. THIS IS FOR IN AND OUT ADOPTERS. WE REQUIRE THIS SINCE KITTENS SEEM TO RUN AND HIDE WHEN MEETING SOMEONE NEW OR BEING BROUGHT INTO NEW AREAS. WE WANT THEM TO SHOW THEIR TRUE PERSONALITIES AND WE WANT TO ALLOW ALL ADOPTERS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THE KITTENS! ONCE THE MEET AND GREET HAS BEEN SCHEDULED, YOU WILL MEET ONLINE, AND ALLOW THE ADOPTER TO ASK YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FOSTER SUCH AS "WHAT IS YOUR FOSTER'S PERSONALITY ALL ABOUT?" ETC. ONCE THE ADOPTER MAKES THE CHOICE TO ADOPT YOUR FOSTER,

A BOARD MEMBER WILL WORK WITH THE TRANSPORT TEAM AND A TRANSPORT DATE WILL BE SET. YOU MUST DRIVE TO PICK UP THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND THIS MUST BE DONE NO MORE THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE THE TRANSPORT DATE. HEALTH CERTIFICATE ADDRESS- IF THERE IS SPACE FOR A SENDER AND RECEIVER, DO AS FOLLOWS. IF THERE IS ONLY SPACE FOR ONE SET OF INFO, PLEASE USE THE FOSTER2FOREVER RECEIVER INFO. SENDER: FOSTER'S NAME, PHONENUMBER, AND ADDRESS.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADOPTER'S PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS ON THE LINE PROVIDED AS RECIEVER. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ASK A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE CORRECT INFORMATION PRIOR TO PICKING UP THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE!

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TRANSPORT DAY: ON TRANSPORT DAY YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A QUART-SIZE BAG FILLED WITH THEIR CURRENT FOOD. YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO BRING THEIR CURRENT VET RECORDS AND HEALTH CERTIFICATE. MAKE SURE TO REQUEST ALL VET RECORDS FROM A BOARD MEMBER AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO TRANSPORT AND GET CONFIRMATION THAT THEY HAVE SEEN YOUR REQUEST.

ALL RECORDS WILL BE BROUGHT ON THE DAY OF TRANSPORT IN A FOLDER WITH THEIR NAME ON THE FRONT! IF YOUR FOSTER IS TAKING A FLIGHT PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE BECAUSE THE WEATHER WITH TO AND FROM THE DESTINATION WILL DETERMINE IF THE FLIGHT CAN TAKE PLACE!

DEPENDING ON WHO IS TRANSPORTING: A GALLON SIZE BAG WITH A FOSTER'S "SNUGGLE" (A TOY THAT THEY LOVE AND WILL MAKE THE TRANSPORT EASIER FOR THEM. THE SNUGGLE MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED, IF THEY CAN NOT BRING IT WITH THEM YOU ARE WELCOME TO ASK A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU CAN MAIL IT TO THE ADOPTING FAMILY!



# ADOPTION PROCESS CONTINUED

HOW YOU ADVERTISE YOUR KITTENS CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR ABILITY TO GET THEM ADOPTED OUT QUICKLY. HERE ARE MY TRIED AND TRUE TIPS:

START ADVERTISING EARLY! EVEN THOUGH FOSTER2FOREVER WILL NOT ADOPT THE KITTEN UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR AGE-APPROPRIATE CORE VACCINATIONS, YOU CAN START ADVERTISING THEM IMMEDIATELY. MANY POTENTIAL ADOPTERS WILL LOVE BEING ABLE TO SEE THE KITTEN AT AN EARLIER AGE AND WILL BEWILING TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO GO. ADVERTISE FAR AND WIDE! MAKE USE OF EVERY OUTLET YOU HAVE -- SOCIAL MEDIA IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT PAGES YOU CAN JOIN TO ADVERTISE THE RESCUE AND YOUR FOSTER KITTENS. GO OLD SCHOOL—YES—FLYERS AND POST AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE SHOPS, THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEXT DOOR APPS, OR SHARING ON OTHER WEBSITES SUCH AS CRAIGSLIST.

## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THEIR PERSONAL BIOS:

AT LEAST THREE GREAT, GOOD LIGHTING, NON-BLURRY PICTURES OF THE KITTEN, LOOKING AT THE CAMERA. THE PICTURE IS THE NUMBER ONE IMPORTANT PIECE, SO MAKE SURE YOU PRIORITIZE GETTING A GOOD ONE.

PROVIDE THE KITTENS: NAME, DOB, SEX, LOCATION AND ANY OTHER DETAILS THAT YOU THINK WILL MAKE THIS KITTEN SOMEONE'S BEST FRIEND FOREVER. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE KITTEN'S PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIORAL TRAITS. PROVIDE ONE PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE KITTEN'S STORY -- DON'T GO ON AND ON, BUT IF SHE HAS AN INTERESTING OR SAD STORY, FEEL FREE TO TOUCH ON THAT. ANY IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR EXAMPLE BOBCAT KITTEN ETC....

A LIST OF TREATMENTS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE ADOPTION. FOSTER2FOREVER PROVIDES VET EXAMS, AGE-APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS, DEWORMING, GROOMING(BATH AND NAIL TRIM) AND ALL KITTENS ARE CURRENT ON MONTHLY PREVENTATIVE. OUR PARTNERED VETERINARIANS WILL PROVIDE ANY SPAY/NEUTERING FOR KITTENS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE RESCUE AND ARE FIVE AND SIX MONTHS OF AGE.

SPAYING/NEUTERING BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE AGE CAN CAUSE FUTURE HEALTH ISSUES FOR YOUNG KITTENS.

WHEN WRITING THE ADOPTION BIO MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE THE LINK TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION! THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A BOARD MEMBER TO REACH OUT TO THEM AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE!

## ADOPTING YOUR FOSTER

OUR AFFECTIONATE TERM FOR THIS IS "FOSTER FAIL". IF YOU DECIDE THAT YOU CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT YOUR FOSTER, THEN PLEASE EMAIL FOSTER2FOREVER COORDINATORS. THE ADOPTION FEE FOR EACH ANIMAL AVAILABLE AT FOSTER2FOREVER HAS BEEN SET ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. ADOPTION FEES INCLUDE ALL AGE-APPROPRIATE CORE VACCINATIONS, MICROCHIPS, SPAY/NEUTER IF AGE-APPROPRIATE, AND MONTHLY PREVENTATIVE.

YOUR FOSTER MUST BE SPAYED/NEUTERED AT FIVE MONTHS OF AGE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY A VETERINARIAN. IF YOUR VETERINARIAN STATES OTHERWISE, ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE EMAILED TO OUR ADOPTION COORDINATOR.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION THAT THE ANIMAL WAS SEEN AT YOUR VET OF CHOICE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ADOPTION. IF DOCUMENTATION IS NOT RECEIVED 15 DAYS FOLLOWING ADOPTION YOU WILL OWE A DONATION TO FOSTER2FOREVER OF \$50.00 AND WILL HAVE 72 HOURS TO FIX THIS ISSUE WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION.



# MEET & GREET

WE'VE PUT TOGETHER SOME GOOD SCREENING QUESTIONS TO ASK INTERESTED ADOPTERS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE A GOOD FIT DURING THEIR SCHEDULED MEET & GREET. IF YOU'RE HOPING TO ADOPT A PET FROM US, ASKING YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS MAY ALSO HELP YOU DETERMINE IF YOU ARE READY TO ADOPT, AND HOW YOU CAN BETTER PREPARE TO WELCOME HOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. VIRTUAL MEET AND GREETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED THROUGH AN ONLINE PLATFORM IF THE KITTEN/CAT IS BEING ADOPTED BY A FAMILY OUT OF STATE. WITH VIRTUAL MEET-AND-GREETINGS, FOSTERS ARE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THEIR SWEET KITTEN TO POTENTIAL ADOPTERS AND CONDUCT A HOME VISIT ALL VIA VIDEO CHAT. VIRTUAL MEET AND GREETINGS ARE IDEAL FOR KITTENS BECAUSE THEY ARE SOMEWHERE THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH SOMEONE THEY ALREADY KNOW, AND THEREFORE THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO SHOW THEIR TRUE PERSONALITIES. AFTER THE MEET AND GREET FOSTERS WILL NEED TO EMAIL THE RESCUE AND LET THE BOARD KNOW HOW THE MEET AND GREET WENT AND THEIR OPINIONS OF THE POTENTIAL ADOPTERS.

## BUT WHAT SHOULD I SAY!?

HERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS TO USE AS A GUIDE DURING YOUR MEET AND GREET OR VIRTUAL MEET AND GREET WITH A POTENTIAL FOREVER FAMILY:

ASK THE POTENTIAL ADOPTER ABOUT WHERE THEY LIVE. DO THEY OWN OR RENT THEIR HOUSE? IF RENTING, DOES THE LANDLORD ALLOW PETS? DO THEY HAVE A FENCE IN THE YARD? PLEASE REMIND ALL ADOPTERS THAT ALL KITTENS/CATS SHOULD BE INSIDE ONLY UNLESS THE CAT IS TRAINED TO WALK ON A LEASH WITH THEIR FOREVER FAMILY. THE RESCUE DOES OCCASIONALLY RESCUE BARN CATS. BARN CATS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEET AND GREETINGS.

HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE SHARE THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WITH THEM? ARE THEY FAMILY MEMBERS OR ROOMMATES? ARE THERE ANY CHILDREN LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD? IF SO, HOW MANY AND HOW OLD ARE THEY? THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE DEPENDING ON THE ANIMAL'S PERSONALITY. FOSTER2FOREVER DOES SOCIALIZE ALL KITTENS WITH CHILDREN AND OTHER ANIMALS. OCCASIONALLY, WE RESCUE KITTIES THAT MAY ONLY DO WELL IN A CERTAIN ENVIRONMENT SUCH AS WITH CHILDREN ABOVE 10 YEARS OF AGE. IF THIS IS THE CASE PLEASE REMEMBER TO MENTION IT IN THE MEET AND GREET WITH THE POTENTIAL FAMILY.

WHAT ARE THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES, SCHEDULE, AND HOBBIES? THIS IS IMPORTANT TO GAUGE HOW LONG THE ANIMAL MAY BE ALONE IN THE HOUSE. FOSTER2FOREVER ALLOWS SINGLE KITTEN ADOPTIONS, BUT WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER ADOPTING IN PAIRS. BELOW WE HAVE PROVIDED A SMALL PARAGRAPH ON SINGLE KITTEN SYNDROME. PLEASE REVIEW SINGLE KITTEN SYNDROME WITH ALL ADOPTERS DURING THEIR MEET AND GREET. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE RISK OF ADOPTING A SINGLE KITTEN AND REMIND THEM THAT FOSTER2FOREVER KITTENS WILL BE GOING FROM A HOUSEHOLD WITH MANY KITTENS TO A HOUSEHOLD WITH NO PLAYMATES.

IN ORDER TO BECOME WELL-SOCIALIZED CATS, KITTENS NEED TO LEARN APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FROM ONE ANOTHER. A HUMAN IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A FELINE COMPANION. YOU CAN PROVIDE ATTENTION AND LOVE BUT THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY YOU CAN REPLICATE THE PLAY BEHAVIOR OF THE SPECIES. IF THEY DON'T LEARN LIMITS IN THEIR PLAY AS YOUNGSTERS, THEY OFTEN DEVELOP INAPPROPRIATE PLAYFUL AGGRESSION. IN OTHER WORDS, IT MAY BE CUTE WHEN A KITTEN ATTACKS YOUR ANKLES WHEN YOU WALK BY OR PLAYFULLY NIPS AT YOUR FINGERS WHILE YOU'RE PLAYING. IT WILL BE MUCH LESS CUTE, NOT TO MENTION ANNOYING AND PAINFUL, WHEN YOUR CAT IS FULL GROWN.

WHERE WILL THE KITTEN/CAT BE KEPT DURING THE DAY? AT NIGHT? WHERE WILL THEY BE KEPT WHEN UNSUPERVISED? HOW WILL THE POTENTIAL ADOPTER PROVIDE FOR THE KITTEN/CAT IF THEY HAVE TO GO OUT OF TOWN?





# BUT WHAT SHOULD I SAY!?

WHY DO THEY THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME IN THEIR LIVES TO ADOPT? WHY ARE THEY INTERESTED IN THIS ANIMAL IN PARTICULAR? DID THEY LIKE THE LOOK OF THE KITTEN/CAT? THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACEBOOK POST, FLYER, OR AD? THE PERSONALITY THAT WAS PROVIDED ABOUT THE ANIMAL? THESE KINDS OF QUESTIONS CAN HELP GIVE YOUR INSIGHT INTO THEIR MOTIVATIONS FOR ADOPTING AND ASSURE THAT IT IS FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.

TO SCHEDULE A MEET AND GREET, IT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ADOPTION COORDINATOR. THE ADOPTION COORDINATOR WILL MAKE SURE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT AND RECEIVED BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT STEP IN THE MEET AND GREET PROCESS. THE MEET AND GREETS ARE SCHEDULED WITH THE ADOPTING FAMILY AND THE FOSTERING FAMILY BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN THE ONE TAKING CARE OF THE ANIMAL AND CAN PROVIDE THE MOST USEFUL INFORMATION. ALL FELINE MEET AND GREETS WILL BE SCHEDULED VIRTUALLY SO THE FOSTER CAN SEE THE POTENTIAL HOME AND THE ADOPTING FAMILY CAN SEE THE TRUE PERSONALITY OF THE ANIMAL IN AN ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE ALREADY COMFORTABLE.

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REMEMBER TO MENTION THE INFORMATION BELOW TO THE POTENTIAL ADOPTERS BEFORE THEY TAKE YOUR KITTEN HOME.

THE ANIMAL WILL GO THROUGH AN ADJUSTMENT PERIOD AS THEY GET TO KNOW THEIR NEW PEOPLE, LEARN NEW RULES, AND ADJUST TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT. MOST KITTEN/CATS ADJUST WITHIN A FEW DAYS, BUT SOME ANIMALS MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER.

DURING THIS TIME, THEY SHOULD AVOID FORCING THE KITTEN/CAT TO DO ANYTHING STRESSFUL MEETING TOO MANY STRANGERS AND/OR OTHER ANIMALS IN THE HOME.

SUGGEST THAT THEY TAKE THINGS EASY AT FIRST AND GIVE THE ANIMAL TIME TO BOND WITH THEM. KEEP THE HOME ENVIRONMENT CALM AND QUIET FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS. SOME ANIMALS MIGHT NOT EAT FOR THE FIRST DAY OR TWO. NOT TO WORRY – THEY WILL EAT WHEN THEY ARE READY.

SOME KITTENS/CATS TEMPORARILY FORGET THEIR TRAINING. A LITTER- TRAINED KITTY MAY HAVE AN ACCIDENT DURING THE FIRST DAY IN HIS/HER NEW HOME. THIS ISN'T UNUSUAL AND RARELY HAPPENS MORE THAN ONCE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT THEM DIRECTLY IN THEIR NEW LITTER BOX AS SOON AS THEY GET HOME!

THE NEW FAMILY MAY THINK ABOUT INVESTING IN A BABY GATE/CAT TREE SO THAT THEIR NEW FOREVER FRIEND HAS A SAFE PLACE TO GO WHEN UNSUPERVISED AND/OR WHEN HE STARTS TO FEEL ANXIOUS.

## BUT WHAT SHOULD I SAY!?

OUR NONPROFIT RESCUE RELIES ON ADOPTION DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF MEDICAL BILLS WE PAY EACH MONTH. FOSTER2FOREVER DOES NOT TURN AWAY ANY ANIMAL WHO HAVE MEDICAL NEEDS OR INJURIES. LET US ASSURE YOU, RESCUING IS NOT A MONEY-MAKING VENTURE, THIS IS WHY WE ASK FOR AN ADOPTION DONATION, TO HELP PAY FOR YOUR FOSTER'S VET CARE AND TO HELP WITH THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF OTHER ANIMALS WITHIN OUR RESCUE. PROMPT PAYMENT IS IMPORTANT AND NOTHING WILL BE SCHEDULED OR FINALIZED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT. PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND PICTURES, OR SCANNED COPIES, OF ALL VET AND MEDICAL PAPERWORK THAT YOU RECEIVE FOR YOUR FOSTER WHILE FOSTERING, TO:  
FOSTER2FOREVERRECORDS@GMAIL.COM (NAME OF THE FOSTER " \_\_\_\_\_RECORDS"

THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERVIEWING ADOPTERS. IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE FOUND A FEW POSSIBLE ADOPTERS WE CAN GLADLY EMAIL THEM AN APPLICATION AND CONTRACT. WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HAVE FUTURE ADOPTERS DO A MEET AND GREET WITH YOUR FOSTER BUT BOTH THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTION CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED PRIOR TO THE MEET AND GREET. THE POTENTIAL FAMILY IF THEY DECIDE TO ADOPT THEIR NEW FOREVER FRIEND CAN USE THE APP VENMO, CASH APP, OR PAY CASH IN PERSON TO THE FOSTER PARENTS. ALL FOSTER PARENTS WILL THEN BE REQUIRED TO SEND THE PAYMENT TO ONE OF FOSTER2FOREVER'S BOARD MEMBERS.

## FINDING THE RIGHT ADOPTER,FINALIZING THE ADOPTION, AND SAYING GOODBYE!

SAYING GOODBYE MIGHT BE HARD, BUT IF YOU FOUND THE KITTEN A GREAT HOME, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF KNOWING THAT YOU SAVED A LIFE. SAYING GOODBYE IS TRULY THE BEST PART OF FOSTERING BECAUSE IT MEANS YOU'VE OPENED YOUR HOME UP TO BE ABLE TO SAVE EVEN MORE ANIMALS. BE SURE THAT THE ADOPTERS HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND LET THEM KNOW THEY CAN ALWAYS UPDATE YOU ON THE KITTEN'S PROGRESS. RECEIVING UPDATES MAKES FOSTERING EVEN MORE REWARDING, AS YOU CAN SEE THE POSITIVE IMPACT YOU ARE HAVING!



# AGREEMENT

AT FOSTER2FOREVER, OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO FIND THE RIGHT MATCH FOR THE ANIMALS SO THAT BOTH HUMANS AND CATS ARE HAPPY. MOST OF THE ANIMALS THAT WE HELP COME FROM HIGH-KILL SHELTERS. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THEY ARE SICK OR GENERALLY UNHEALTHY UNTIL WE GET THEM TO YOUR HOME. WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET AS MUCH BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH INFO AS WE CAN PRIOR TO PULLING THE CAT.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY SIGNING BELOW.

## OWNERSHIP

- I UNDERSTAND THE FOSTER ANIMAL(S) IS THE PROPERTY OF FOSTER2FOREVER AND I WILL NOT SELL, TRADE, OR DISPOSE OF THE ANIMAL, AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FOSTER2FOREVER WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE REQUEST. I FURTHER AGREE THAT FOSTER2FOREVER'S RIGHTS AND TO MY FOSTER PET ARE SUPERIOR TO MINE.
- I AGREE NOT TO TRANSFER THIS CAT(S) TO THE CUSTODY OF ANOTHER PERSON, SHELTER, HUMANE SOCIETY, SPCA, OR OTHER ENTITY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT AND PERMISSION OF FOSTER2FOREVER WHETHER IT BE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT.
- I AGREE TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FROM FOSTER2FOREVER ACCESS TO MY HOME AND PROPERTY TO CHECK ON MY FOSTER PET, AT ANY TIME WHILE I AM IN POSSESSION OF MY FOSTER PET.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOARDING EXPENSES IF NEEDED. WITH ADVANCED NOTICE, WE WILL TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO PET SIT YOUR FOSTER, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CAT IS TO BE KEPT AS AN INSIDE CAT AND WILL NOT LIVE OUTSIDE. THEY WILL SLEEP INSIDE MY HOME IN AN APPROPRIATE AREA.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK WITH MY FOSTER ON GOOD HOME MANNERS, POTTY TRAINING, CRATE TRAINING, ETC. IF NECESSARY. THE GOAL IS TO GET YOUR CAT PREPARED FOR SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM EXPECTED TO FOSTER THIS CAT(S) UNTIL A SUITABLE APPLICANT ADOPTS THE CAT. IF THERE ARE ISSUES THAT ARISE WITH YOUR CAT AND YOU WOULD LIKE FOSTER2FOREVER TO FIND ANOTHER FOSTER FOR YOUR CAT,
- WE WILL WORK DILIGENTLY TO PLACE THE CAT ELSEWHERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, IT MAY NOT BE SOMETHING FOSTER2FOREVER CAN DO IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT NOTICE.

## MARKETING AND ADOPTION

- I AGREE TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS ON AN ONGOING BASIS TO SHARE UPDATED PHOTOS, BIO INFORMATION, PERSONALITY TRAITS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR CAT FOR MARKETING PURPOSES. SHARING GOOD PHOTOS AND SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT YOUR FOSTER WILL BE THE FASTEST WAY TO FIND THEM THEIR FOREVER FAMILY.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING MY FOSTER CAT OR KITTEN (INCLUDING A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR MYSELF) WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE STANDARD ADOPTION PROCESS AND THAT APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES AND PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS IS DETERMINED BY FOSTER2FOREVER.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE TWO (2) WEEKS TO DECIDE TO ADOPT MY FOSTER CAT AHEAD OF OTHER APPLICANTS. AFTER THAT TIME, IF WE HAVE AN APPROVED ADOPTER, WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT ADOPTER AS FIRST IN LINE.
- I AGREE TO ATTEND ADOPTION EVENTS WITH MY FOSTER CAT(S) AND TO SCHEDULE MEET AND GREETS WITH POTENTIAL ADOPTERS AS NEEDED. I UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER2FOREVER VOLUNTEERS WILL APPROVE APPLICANTS AND CHECK
- THEIR REFERENCES BEFORE CONTACTING ME TO SCHEDULE A MEET AND GREET.
- ALTHOUGH THE FOSTER FAMILY'S INPUT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN THE ADOPTION PROCESS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE APPROVAL AND ULTIMATE PLACEMENT OF THE CAT ARE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF FOSTER2FOREVER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CAT.



# AGREEMENT

## PET HEALTH AND DISPOSITION

- I UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER2FOREVER CANNOT GUARANTEE THE HEALTH OR DISPOSITION OF ANY FOSTER ANIMAL. WE DO NOT HAVE PAST RECORDS FOR THESE ANIMALS AND THERE ARE SOME RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING IN FOSTER ANIMALS.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY ANIMALS THAT I CURRENTLY HAVE IN MY HOME AND/OR EXPOSED TO THE FOSTER CAT(S) MUST BE UP TO DATE ON VACCINATIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM FROM ANY DISEASE THAT THE RESCUE ANIMAL MAY HAVE.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FOSTER PETS BE KEPT ISOLATED FROM OTHER PETS FOR A MINIMUM OF SEVEN (7) DAYS FOR THEIR PROTECTION.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, I MUST TEACH THEM PROPER BEHAVIOR AROUND ANIMALS. SINCE FOSTER2FOREVER FREQUENTLY DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE ANIMALS THAT THEY RESCUE, I UNDERSTAND THAT EXTRA CAUTION MUST BE USED AROUND SMALL CHILDREN AND OTHER ANIMALS.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE WARM SHELTER, DAILY EXERCISE, PROPER FOOD (AT MY EXPENSE), AN ADEQUATE FENCE SO THAT THE CATS CANNOT GET OUT, AND GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CAT(S) AND THEIR HEALTH.
- I AGREE TO TAKE THE CAT(S) TO ALL NECESSARY VET APPOINTMENTS. IF I WOULD LIKE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THESE EXPENSES, I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NEED TO USE ONE OF FOSTER2FOREVER APPROVED MEDICAL PROVIDERS.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER2FOREVER WILL PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE FLEA/TICK AND HEARTWORM MEDICATION AT NO CHARGE AS LONG AS THE MEDICATION IS RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM OUR ORGANIZATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT ADLR CANNOT REIMBURSE ME IF I PURCHASE ON MY OWN.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE ANIMAL I FOSTER IS ON MEDICATION, I WILL CONTINUE THE MEDICATION AS DIRECTED. IF DURING THE TIME I AM FOSTERING THE ANIMAL REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION, I WILL CONTACT THE FOSTER2FOREVER FIRST BEFORE GETTING ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER2FOREVER USES SPECIFIC MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY APPROVED PROVIDERS OF CARE FOR MY FOSTER. IF I CHOOSE TO TAKE THE ANIMAL TO ANOTHER VET, I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FEES CHARGED.
- I WILL NOT DECLAW, CROP EARS, OR CROP TAIL OF FOSTERED PET.
- I WILL ADHERE TO ALL STATE AND LOCAL ANIMAL LAWS AND ALL FOSTER ANIMALS WILL WEAR A COLLAR WITH IDENTIFICATION.
- I WILL PROMPTLY NOTIFY FOSTER2FOREVER OF ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS, BEHAVIORAL ISSUES OR CONCERNS, AN INABILITY TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER, IF THE PET BECOMES LOST, AND/OR IF THE PET BITES SOMEONE.

## PERSONAL OR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR INJURY

- I AGREE THAT ACCIDENTAL ANIMAL BITES OR OTHER INJURIES TO HUMANS AND OTHER ANIMALS DO OCCUR, AND AGREE
- TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT FOSTER2FOREVER FROM ANY CLAIM OR SUIT FILED BY SOMEONE AS A RESULT OF SUCH INCIDENT.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER2FOREVER WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF THE ANIMAL SHOULD DAMAGE OR DESTROY PROPERTY BELONGING TO FOSTER CAREGIVER, FOSTER CAREGIVER HOUSEHOLD, OR OTHERS, OR IF THE ANIMAL SHALL TRANSFER ANY DISEASE, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL PARASITES TO OTHER ANIMALS AND PEOPLE IN FOSTER CAREGIVERS HOUSEHOLD.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM APPROVED FOR FOSTERING, THIS DECLARATION REPRESENTS A LEGAL CONTRACT BETWEEN ME AS THE FOSTER HOME CAREGIVER AND FOSTER2FOREVER.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM APPROVED TO FOSTER AN ANIMAL, I MUST ABIDE BY THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT THIS AGREEMENT APPLIES TO ANY AND ALL ANIMALS THAT I FOSTER WITH FOSTER2FOREVER.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. IF AT ANY TIME THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED CHANGES, I WILL PROVIDE THE UPDATED INFORMATION TO FOSTER2FOREVER. PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT AND TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS.



**BLANK PET BIOTHIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW ANIMALS THAT ARE BROUGHT INTO THE RESCUE. IT IS DUE NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS AFTER INTAKE. PLEASE EMAIL FOSTER2FOREVERRECORDS@GMAIL.COM ONCE COMPLETED. ALL ANIMAL NAMES MUST BE APPROVED TO DECREASE DUPLICATES IN OUR SYSTEM!**

- NAME:
- GENDER:
- BREED:
- COLOR:
- AGE:
- WEIGHT:
- BACKGROUND:
- PERSONALITY:
- HISTORY PRIOR TO RESCUE (OWNER SURRENDER, STRAY, ETC.):
- ENERGY (LOW, MEDIUM, OR HIGH):
- ANY SPECIAL VETTING OR HEALTH ISSUES, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT:
- HAS THE CAT EVER BITTEN ANOTHER CAT? OR ATTACKED A DOG OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL?
- LITTER TRAINED:
- HOW IS THE ANIMAL WHEN HOME ALONE?
- HOW IS THE ANIMAL WITH MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN (AGES RECOMMENDED):
- HOW IS IT WITH OTHER CATS OR DOGS IF KNOWN:
- CUTEST BEHAVIOR:
- ANY NEGATIVE BEHAVIORS:
- ANY SPECIAL BEHAVIOR ISSUES, PLEASE LIST ALL EVEN IF IT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED:
- FAVORITE PLAY ACTIVITY:
- IF AGE-APPROPRIATE AND WAS TESTED FOR FELV, WERE THE RESULTS NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE? IF POSITIVE PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT THE ADOPTING FAMILY SHOULD NOT ADOPT ANOTHER CAT!

PLEASE INCLUDE AT LEAST 3-5 PICTURES OF THE ANIMAL AND A PARAGRAPH ANSWERING ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE IN A FUN AND EXCITING WAY(WHERE READERS WOULD WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KITTY!)

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PICTURES MUST BE IN GOOD LIGHTING OR WILL BE UNABLE TO BE USED AND WILL HAVE TO BE RESUBMITTED.

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL SHOT RECORDS TO FOSTER2FOREVER UPON COMPLETION OF EITHER: LAST AGE-APPROPRIATE VACCINATION WHEN ADOPTED OR ALL AGE-APPROPRIATE RECORDS WHEN ADOPTED. ALL VET RECORDS MUST BE IN THE RESCUES' NAME BEFORE ADOPTION. THIS MEANS IF YOU DID NOT GET APPROVAL BEFORE ANY VETTING WAS COMPLETED, YOU MUST TRANSFER ALL RECORDS TO FOSTER2FOREVER BEFORE ADOPTION FOR ALL ANIMALS BEING ADOPTED.

