

Kitten Fostering Information

Thank you for opening your home and your heart to a shelter pet in need! Here are some important ways that you can help your foster cat stay safe while in foster care:

1. Prepare a safe and warm space for your foster. Offer plenty of “nap nooks”, toys, soft bedding, and calming elements. Remove any hazards such as cords, objects that can fall, plants, garbage cans, etc.
2. Keep your foster kittens separate from your personal animal companions. Quarantine period is 10 days, at minimum. Kittens are not fully vaccinated and are very vulnerable to illness and parasite exposure. Exposing them to home companions is a risk to them.
3. Ensure that your animal companions are up to date on their vaccines and flea prevention. This will protect your pets from any exposure to illness or parasites from your foster pet. Kittens who have been exposed to parasites or illness, may not begin to show symptoms until 10-14 days after exposure.
4. Kittens under 4 weeks old cannot regulate their body temperature. Keep them warm.
6. Ensure you have all of your supplies, clean & ready. HSWM will provide as much of these supplies as we can. Always use clean and properly sanitized bottles and bowls.
7. Read over your Emergency Protocol and understand steps to take in the event of an emergency or urgent matter, as well as the Crashing Kitten Protocol.
8. Please know you have to commit to bringing your foster kittens back to HSWM for vaccine boosters at least every 2 weeks, and may need to bring them in ASAP for medical concerns/issues that may arise.
11. Commit to assisting in their adoption by providing photos and bio information throughout the foster pet’s time with you.
12. Please read through your Feline Fostering Manual.
13. Please go through our Feline Foster Orientation.
14. If you wish to foster neonatal kittens, please go through our Neonatal Kitten Training Orientation.
15. Enjoy much laughter and many smiles!

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