



Dakin Humane Society

Resources for Kitten Fosters (4wk+)

INTRODUCTION

The following resources were created and curated by Dakin staff specifically for Dakin foster volunteers. You will want to spend time reading these documents and viewing the instructional videos so that you can be well informed about your duties as a foster parent and to find answers to many common questions. With the information provided here we think you'll be off to an amazing start!

We are excited that you are opening your home to shelter animals. Fostering is such a rewarding experience and we are happy to help support you in any way we can. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your fosters. We also love to hear exciting news about your foster experience!

START HERE!

VIDEO: How to be a Kitten Hero

A brief overview of foster kitten care. Share with friends and family so they will foster too!

VIDEO: Foster Kitten Care with Dakin

Learn to be an awesome kitten foster with this step-by-step training video!

Dakin's Foster Care Kitten Protocol

Learn about your role as foster parent, how to provide the best care for your kittens and what to do if something goes wrong.

Sick Kittens and Emergencies- What if my kitten gets sick, has an Emergency?



BASIC KITTEN CARE

Daily Tracking Sheet - Record weight and daily health observation

Treatment Sheet - Keep medications and treatments straight

[Feeding Kittens](#) - What to feed, How much, How often and Tips.

[Weighing Kittens](#) - Why it's so important to weigh kittens and when to intervene.

[Litter Box Maintenance](#)

HELPING KITTENS LEARN HOW TO EAT

[*When Can a Kitten Eat on Their Own?*](#) - Kitten Lady

[*How to Wean Kittens*](#) - Kitten Lady

FOSTERING MEDICAL CASES

Kittens with Diarrhea

[Kittens with Diarrhea](#) - Learn the basics

[**VIDEO: How to Deal with Kitten Diarrhea**](#) - Kitten Lady

[**VIDEO: At-Home Remedies for Kitten Diarrhea**](#) - Kitten School

Kittens with Colds/URI

[Kittens with Upper Respiratory Infection](#) - Learn the basics

[**VIDEO: How to Help Kittens with URI**](#) - Kitten School

[**VIDEO: Helping Kittens With Congestion**](#) - Kitten School

[**VIDEO: Sudden Limping in Kittens \(Calicivirus\)**](#) - Kitten Lady

[Tip Sheet for Home Remedies](#) - Dakin Vet Team

Medical “How-To” Videos & Charts

[**Kitten Burrito**](#)

[**Oral Medication**](#)

[**Liquid Medication**](#)

[**Pill Medication**](#)

[**Nasal Drops**](#)

[**Eye Medication**](#)

[**Weighing Kittens**](#)

[**Preventing Dehydration**](#)

[**SQ Fluids**](#)

[**Syringe Feeding**](#)

[**Syringe Feeding and SQ Fluids Charts**](#)

[**Taking a Temperature - see Slide 11**](#)

FOSTERING TINY SPIRIT KITTENS

[**What is a “Social Box”**](#) [**Instructions for Using the Social Box**](#)

[**Using a “Social Box” to socialize kittens**](#)

How to Socialize Hissy Kittens

Step by Step Guide: How to Tame Feral Kittens

WEBINARS (longer educational videos)

Beyond the Bottle: Caring for Growing Kittens Webinar

Highly recommended for all kitten fosters

Keeping Kittens Healthy & Caring for the Most Fragile Felines - Kitten Lady

Highly recommended for all kitten fosters

How to foster a FERAL mama and Kittens-Kitten Lady

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Incoming Kitten Profile

Before returning your fosters to the shelter, fill out a profile to help potential adopters learn what is special or unique about your kittens.

Make an Adoption Video for your Foster!

An adoption video is one of the best things you can do for your foster to help them get adopted quickly. Take advantage of a unique opportunity to show off shelter animals in the relaxed and comfortable environment of your foster home..

This video [Making Better Adoption Videos](#) (13mins) will show you how to make longer, edited adoption videos. It also has great tips for making the animals look their best on film.

LOSING A FOSTER

Grieving the Loss of a Foster Kitten - Kitten Lady

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