



Dakin Humane Society

Resources for Cat Fosters

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!

BASIC CARE

[Feeding Adult Cats](#)

General feeding guide and tips for picky eaters

[Weighing Adult Cats](#)

Why we weigh cats and tips for stress-free weighing

[Cat Tracking Sheets](#)

Printable sheets to record daily observations

[Litter Box Maintenance](#)

[Pregnant Cat Care Guide](#)

[Pregnant & Nursing Mom Cats-Feeding Tips](#)

MEDICAL INFO & CHARTS

[Cats with Upper Respiratory Infection](#)

Info about caring for cats with URI

[Sick Cats and Emergencies](#)

What if my cat gets sick or has an emergency?



BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

Fostering a Spirit Cat/Scared Cat

Instructions for bringing a spirit cat into your home.

Body Language in Cats

Learn the basics of cat body language in this short instructional video.

Feline Communication: Learn to Speak Cat

Do you speak cat? Learn how with this free, online course from Maddie's Fund.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Maddie's Fund Flash Classes

Short, interactive classes on a variety of medical and behavior topics created specifically for fosters. This is a great resource with new topics in the works, so check back often.

Flash Class on Bringing Your Foster Cat Home

MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

Giving Liquid Medication

Giving Pills

Eye Medication

SQ Fluids

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Incoming Cat Profile

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

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 your unique opportunity to show off shelter animals in a relaxed and comfortable 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.

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