



Foster Duties

Responsibilities typically include:

- Feeding kittens regularly
- Weighing kittens frequently
- Stimulating younger kittens to pee and poop
- Litter box training as the kittens get older
- Weaning kittens off bottles, onto wet food
- Keeping their environment clean
- Monitoring their health
- Giving simple medications if needed
- Transport to and from medical appointments
- Lots of cuddling and playing! (No seriously, it's an important part of their development)
- Adoption photos for each kitten
- Filling out a form to describe your kitten's personality
- Sometimes transporting kittens to the appropriate shelter for adoption

Time Commitments

Foster kittens will typically remain in your care until they are 8-10 weeks of age.

Daily Care

Feeding, weighing, and helping kittens go to the bathroom takes about 15 minutes. Neonatal kittens require feedings every 2-3 hours and monitoring, even overnight, but older kittens or kittens with mothers only need food a couple times a day. Older kittens also require play time and socialization.

When you are at work, older kittens can be left at home. Young kittens may need to come with you in a small carrier. They are non-disruptive because they sleep all day, only waking up for you to feed and care for them. Some people foster together with their friends or family members to share the workload.

Other Time Commitments

- Often, kittens have to be picked up from the shelter the day they are found
- Driving kittens to and from checkups every 2 weeks
- Additional trips to kitten central may be required if your kittens have health issues

Space

Very little space is required to foster kittens. Kittens live in a small playpen or in a bathroom. Kittens need to be quarantined from other animals for the first 2 weeks. After this, they still need a home that will keep them separated from other pets when you are not supervising. You may want to move older kittens into a larger space or bring them out to run around.

Supplies

Kitten Central provides:

- Kitten formula and bottles
- Wet & dry kitten food
- Baby wipes
- Playpen
- Kitten carrier
- Heat source like a heating pad (no automatic shutoff)
- Toys
- Any medical supplies necessary

You will need to supply:

- Non clumping litter
- Litterbox
- Plates to serve food and water in
- Towels/ bedding

All medical care is paid for and provided by Kitten Central.

Your responsibility is to bring them to and from appointments. Fosters may also be tasked with giving kittens oral or topical medication at home. Keeping careful track of a kitten's growth is important to monitor their health. Fosters need to watch for lack of weight gain or other health concerns to bring up with medical staff.