



Foster Care Training

Lesson 3

2024 - 2025



Service Appointments

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Kitten Check-Ups

- Approximately every two weeks you bring your kittens in for a service appointment. It's helpful if you are prepared to answer a few questions about your kittens' care and behavior at home.
- What are the kittens eating and how well do they eat?
- Are they weaning successfully?
- How are their litter box habits? Are they constipated or have diarrhea?
- How are the kittens with you? With others in your home? Other pets? People who come to visit?
- Do they like to play?



Service 2 Appointment

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- Service 2 is the appointment where we ask you to contribute to the records we keep on the kittens. When it is time for them to return to the shelter for adoption, the agency and adopting family would like to know about the kitten's personality. At service 2 you will be given a "Know Dat Cat" form which you fill out with information about each kitten. Also, be prepared to send Katy a good picture of each kitten so the agency/shelter can post a recent picture on their website.



Hi! My Name is _____

The First Thing You Need to Know
 None Bonded Pair Special Diet Requires Medication Declawed
Other/Notes: _____

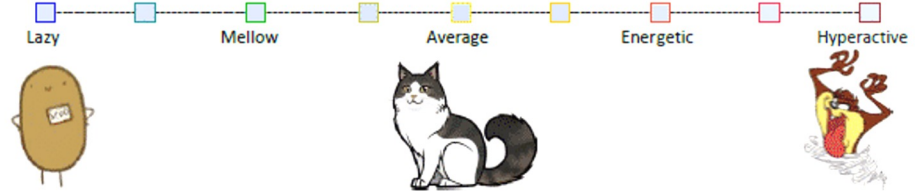
A Little More About Me

<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet	<input type="checkbox"/> Easygoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Feisty	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Goofy
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuddly	<input type="checkbox"/> Confident	<input type="checkbox"/> Talkative	<input type="checkbox"/> Shy	<input type="checkbox"/> Quirky
<input type="checkbox"/> Needy	<input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominant	<input type="checkbox"/> Submissive	<input type="checkbox"/> Mischievous
<input type="checkbox"/> Come When Called	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Motivated	<input type="checkbox"/> Give Love Bites	<input type="checkbox"/> Drool when Excited	<input type="checkbox"/> Easily Overstimulated

I get really excited about _____
I have previously lived with _____
I DON'T like _____
Something special about me is _____

What's my Energy Level?

Lazy Mellow Average Energetic Hyperactive



What's my play style?

<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Zoomies	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough and Tumble	<input type="checkbox"/> Everything is a Toy!
<input type="checkbox"/> Lackadaisical	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling/Rabbit Kicking	<input type="checkbox"/> I like Toys that aren't Toys
<input type="checkbox"/> I like to Jump / Run	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambush Games	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer Cuddling / Sleeping
<input type="checkbox"/> I Entertain Myself	<input type="checkbox"/> Play Well with Others	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm still Learning How to Play

My favorite toys/activities: _____

Going Home
In a new environment I'll need about this much time to settle in:
 1 day or less A few days 2-4 weeks 2-4 months 6+ months

To help me adjust you should:
 Gently interact with me Leave me alone to process Give me treats Give me playtime

Tips: _____



Taking Good Kitten Photos

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Kittens are moving targets when it comes to photography and it's hard to get a picture that captures your kitten's distinctive personality. Here are some tips to help you get that awesome snap of your fur babies.

- Get on the ground at their eye level
- The kitten should be the focal point, eliminate background distractions
- Use squeakers or toys to get their attention
- Use a neutral background
- Use natural lighting and NO flash
- Take a look at the photographs on the next page, one "Good," and one "Try again". See what works and what misses the mark.



Taking Good Kitten Photos

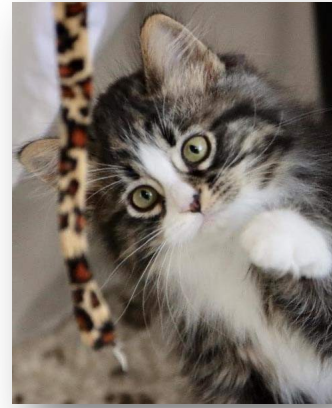
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Good. Clear image, at kitten's level, kitten is the focus



Try again. The kitten's features are blurred, the toy in front obstructs the view of the kitten, the background is distracting.



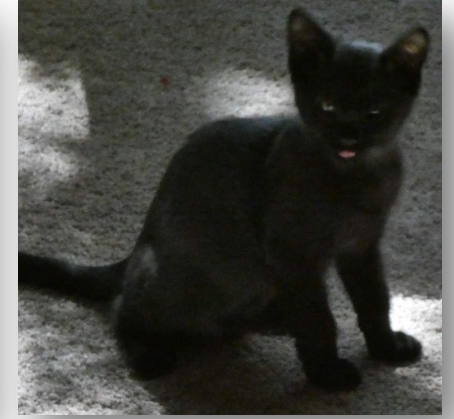
Good. This photo captures the kitten's interest in the toy. Also, it is taken at kitten's level and the focus is the kitten.



Try again. The adoption agencies like the most recent photos you have. This kitten is too young. The big hand takes the focus off the kitten. The kitten's face is not well shown.



Good. This photo works because the background is light & contrasts with the black cat. The lighting works because it's natural and enables the details of the cat's fur to show.



Try again. The kitten is lost in the shadow in the background, so you don't see any detail. You don't see much of this kitten's uniqueness.



Spay and Neuter

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The finish line is in sight. When the kittens reach 2 pounds, it will be time for them to get spayed or neutered. Kitten Central uses two facilities for this service: Placer County Animal Services (PCAS) & Animal Spay & Neuter (ASN). The routine for getting the kittens to each facility is different.

PCAS kittens go to Placer County Animal Services on the day of surgery and do not return. PCAS kittens are indicated on TeamUp calendar with a dark blue background.

ASN kittens go to Kitten Central the day before the procedure for a Peroxiwash to guard against ringworm. The next morning the foster drops the kittens off at ASN in the morning and picks the kittens up at ASN the afternoon of the surgery. They will stay with the foster until they have recovered which is about 5 days. Katy will contact you about the transport details for getting them back to the agency they came from to be adopted to their forever home. ASN kittens are indicated on TeamUp with salmon background.

Resetting Between Litters

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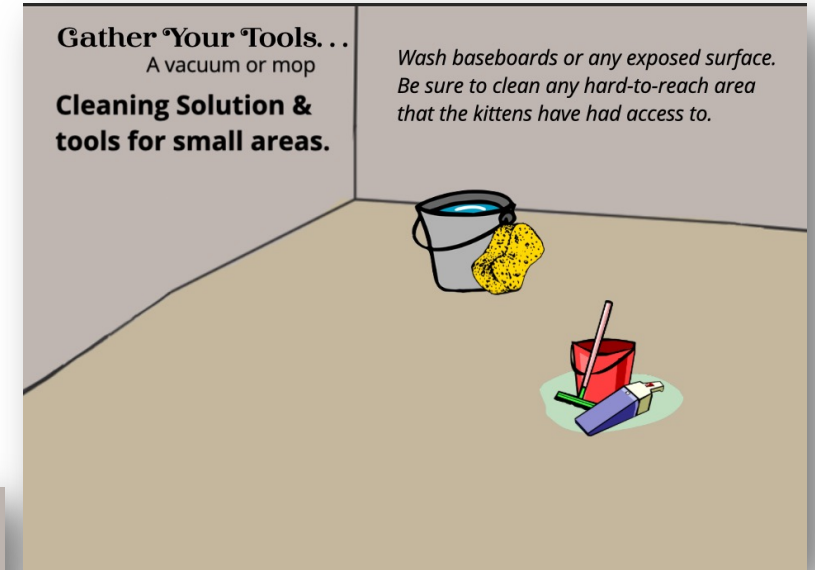
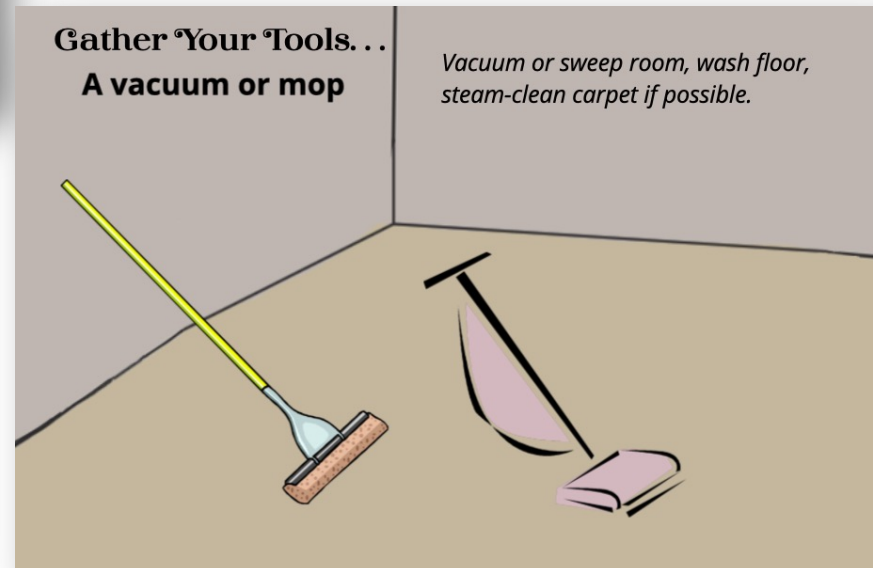


Clear the room

Sweep, vacuum and/or mop the floor

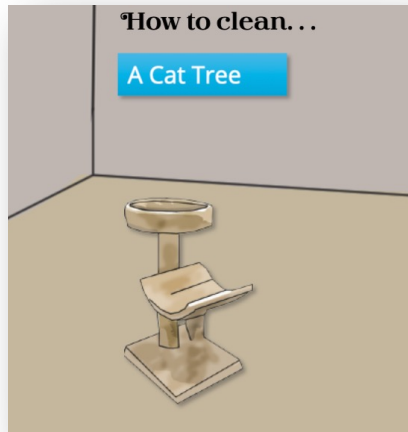
Steam-clean carpet when possible

Wash baseboards and exposed surfaces



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- Vacuum thoroughly
- Spray with disinfectant
- Set the cat tree outside for a sun bath



- You only need to clean your personal items. Kitten Central will clean items belonging to them
- Empty debris and wash thoroughly with soapy water
- Use a mixture of 10% bleach to water or spray Rescue disinfectant on items
- Set items in the sun for 15 minutes before rinsing



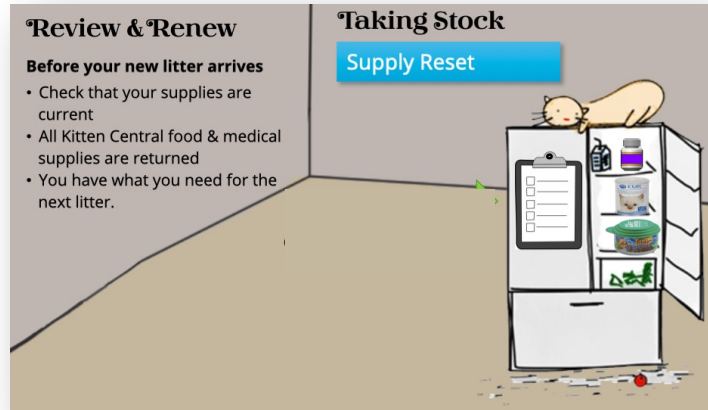
- Wash what you can in the dishwasher
- Wash the rest in hot soapy water
- Place clean bottles and nipples into sterilizer bag and microwave to sterilize



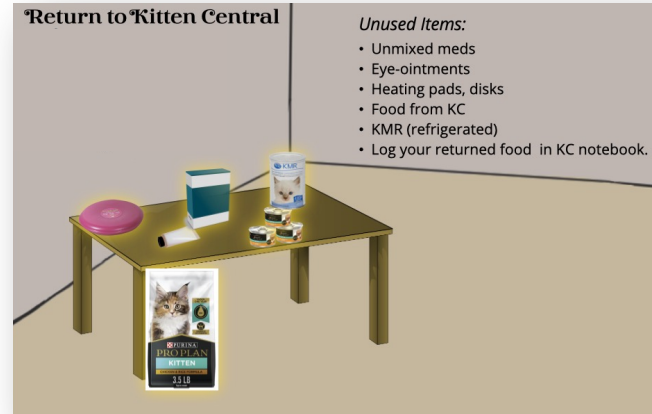
- Wash in hot water when possible
- Cat beds sometimes require cold water but can be sprayed with Rescue and set in the sun
- Toys that can't be machine washed should be cleaned with a 10% bleach to water solution

Resetting Between Litters

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- Check that your supplies are current
- All Kitten Central food & medical supplies are returned
- Ensure you have what you need for the next litter
- Clear out leftover
 - Clavamox
 - Out of date KMR
 - Unfinished wet food

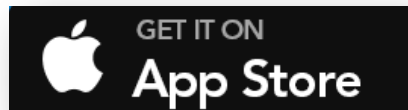
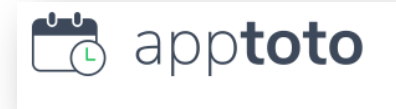


- Return unused items to Kitten Central
 - Unmixed medications
 - Eye ointments
 - Heating pads & discs
 - Food from Kitten Central
 - KMR (refrigerated)
 - Log returned items in Kitten Central's notebook

Apps for Fosters

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- Kitten Central uses two apps which help keep appointments running smoothly. One is AppToto which you don't need to do anything about except be aware that you will get notifications at 10 am the day before your appointment which you confirm from your phone.
- The other app is the TeamUp Calendar app which gives you access to the Kitten Central appointment calendar. You need this calendar because it will contain the appointment times for all appointments your kittens will be given right through when they return to the shelter. Appointments change so it is important you refer to the calendar frequently.



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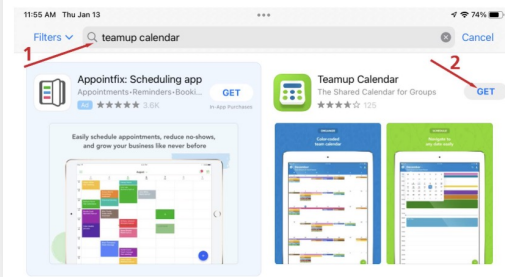
Downloading the TeamUp App

As mentioned earlier, you should download the TeamUp Calendar app on your mobile device so you can keep track of your appointments at Kitten Central. Once you retrieve your foster kittens, you will be scheduled for service appointments and TeamUp is the fastest way to locate those appointment dates and times. So grab your mobile phone or tablet and follow the instructions to get the app on your device.

Once you tapped the App Store Icon, you will come to a screen that looks like the image below.

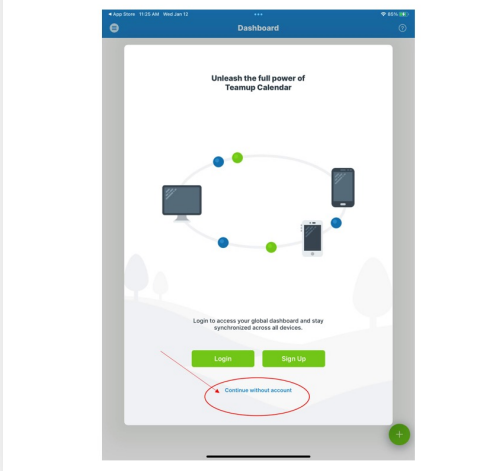
1. Go to the Search bar and type in TeamUp Calendar as arrow 1 indicates.
2. When you see the Teamup Calendar tap on the Get button as indicated by arrow number 2.
3. The app will begin to download. When it is finished, the **Get** button will turn into an **Open** button. Tap on the **Open** button.

Click on the Step 3 tab above to continue.



Once the app is launching, the first screen looks like the image below. You do **NOT** need to Sign Up or Login. Instead tap on the blue words circled in red in the image below. **Continue without account**

Click on the Step 4 tab above to continue.



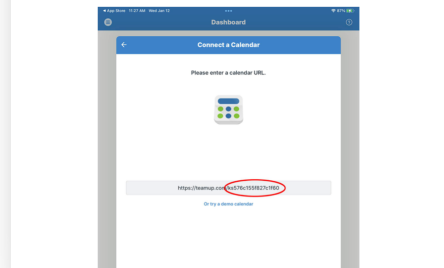
Now the app needs to find the KC calendar. You will need to type in the following alphanumeric string: **ks576c155f827c1f60** at the end of the URL address in the gray bar in the picture below.

The entire URL should look like this:

<https://teamup.com/ks576c155f827c1f60>

Once you've typed in the URL, tap the green "Continue" button at the bottom of the screen.

To continue on to the next steps for setup, on a computer, click on the red arrow next to Step 4 tab. If you are on a tablet or phone, tap and drag the space after Step 4 tab to the left to reveal Step 5.



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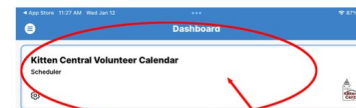
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The circled area at the top lets you choose which view you prefer to see when you open the calendar. You can test the choices to see which you prefer.

Below the calendar view are the types of appointments you can view. It's helpful to limit the number to what is pertinent to you, so most fosters want to see Daily Appointments, Lead Medical, Medical Assistant, Spay/Neuter ASN, and Spay/Neuter PCAS. Touch the options you don't want to see. They change to a lighter color with slanting lines through them which indicates they are no longer visible. It's a toggle, so if you turn one off that you actually wanted, tap on it again, and it will return to visibility. When you are finished, swipe left, and you return to the main screen.

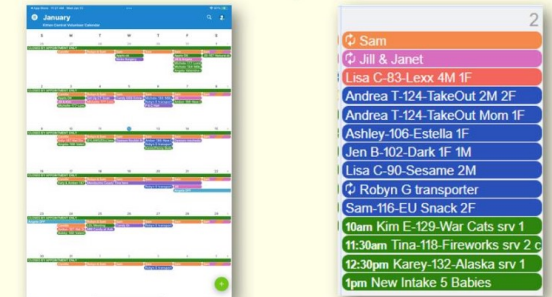
The next screen will show the Kitten Central Volunteer tab. Tap in the **white space** of the tab.

Click on the "That's It" tab to view what the calendar should look like.



You should now see the Kitten Central Volunteer Calendar. It may appear in the monthly view or the list view. Either way, you now have the app on your mobile device.

The TeamUp Calendar

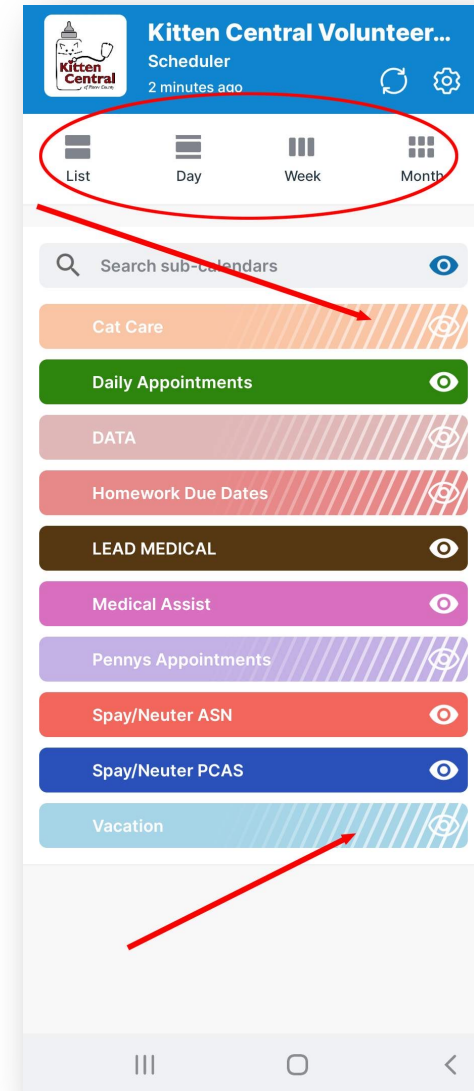
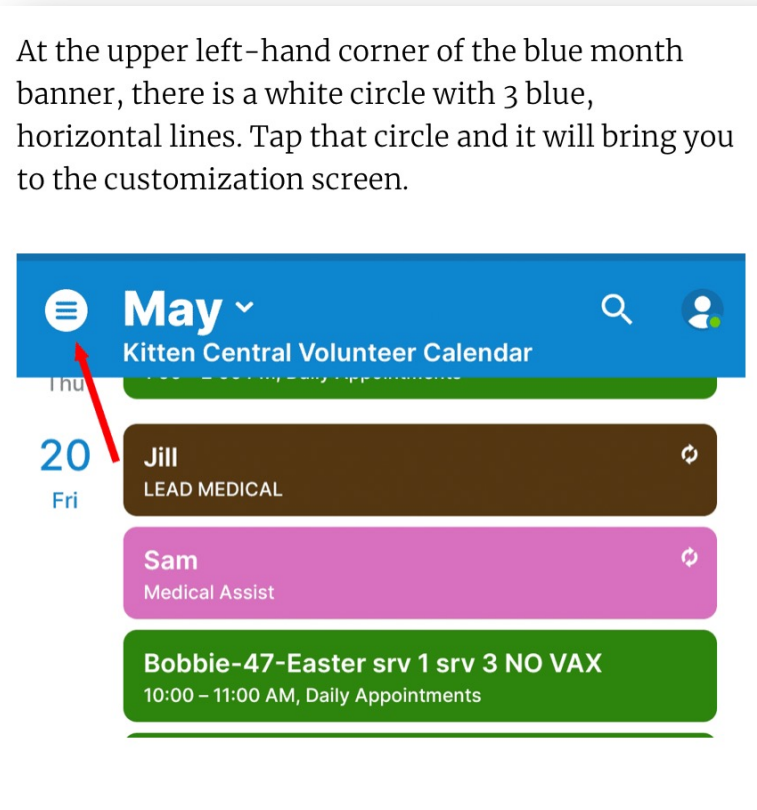


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Customizing the Calendar

Kitten season has a lot of moving parts. New kittens come in daily, kittens get sick, fosters change appointments, things just change. You need to check the calendar frequently, especially if your appointment is coming up. Your service appointment may be on the same day, but the time might be different, you might be moved to another day. It just helps to keep up with the movement in the system.



New Foster Checklist

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- ✓ Submit the Volunteer Agreement and the Foster Waiver Form. These forms must be submitted to Katy before you are able to foster.
- ✓ "Friend" Katy on Facebook to gain access to the Foster Roster group. You want to be a part of this group for support and to have access to announcements concerning Kitten Central.
- ✓ Install the TeamUp app on your mobile device.

It Takes a Village

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Kitten Central is successful because of its fosters. We couldn't do this without a team of dedicated people willing to take on these fragile babies.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the team.

Assessment

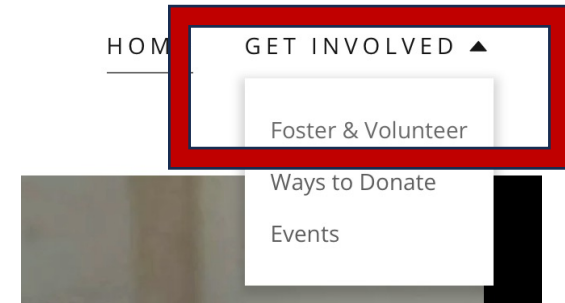
You have completed Lesson 3 Training.

Please return to www.kittencentral.org -> Get Involved -> Foster & Volunteer -> Become a Foster

On the Foster training page click on the **Lesson 3 Assessment**. This will open a PDF assessment. You may fill it in electronically or print, fill out, scan it and email it back to us.

Now, email all 3 assessments in ONE email to katy@kittencentral.org.

Please do not send 3 separate emails. This makes it harder to keep track of completion.



Become a Foster

Foster parents give kittens a safe environment and monitor their health. They feed the kittens regularly and even help them go to the bathroom. Foster parents make sure their kittens stay clean and warm. Most importantly, they play with and love their kittens to set them up to one day be adopted.

Required Foster Training

All prospective fosters must go through our training course and submit their quiz before being an approved foster.

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