

Fostering FAQs: Cats and Kittens



Food

- Adult cats should have dry food at all times and small wet food meals 2-3 times per day.
- Kittens should have dry food at all times and 1-2 tablespoons of fresh, warm wet food 4-5 times a day!
- If you have more than one kitten, put 1-2 tablespoons of wet food per kitten on a separate, flat plate for each of them.

Litter & Litter Boxes

- Best practice is one more litter box than cats in the household. If space prevents this, then there must at least be as many litter boxes as cats.
- For kittens, we recommend 1 litter box per 2 kittens.
- Unscented litter is preferred, and it must be cleaned daily and replaced regularly.

Housing

- The best way to think about this is that the bigger the cat, the bigger the space. Small kittens (4-6 weeks) will do best in a fabric pop-up. As they grow, they can be moved into a bathroom (with plenty of blankets and a small bed) or a bedroom. The most important thing for kittens is that they are able to stay warm!
- Litter boxes, food, and sleeping areas should be kept in separate areas of their set-up.

Weight Gain

- Kittens should be gaining 10-15 grams per day!
- Best practice is to weigh at the same time each day to get the most accurate reading!
- For wiggly kittens, we recommend placing a large mixing bowl on the scale and taring (zeroing) it before placing the kitten inside.

Socialization

- Kittens have a prey sequence that they follow when playing/hunting. Their daily life should look like playing/hunting, eating, grooming, and sleeping.
- Learning this sequence is very important for kittens as they develop and learn appropriate play. This is the reasoning behind our 2 kitten policy, and why we always ask if there is another friendly cat in the home!
- Scan the QR code for more helpful foster resources!

