

Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe Foster Guidelines for Cats and Kittens

Adult Cats

- All people living in the home must agree to the guidelines for being a foster parent.
- When having guests visit your home, please keep the cat in a separate space away from visitors if the situation is overwhelming or if the cat seems uneasy.
- Keep the cat indoors at all times. If a cat goes missing you must contact HSTT immediately as well as Animal Services at 530-582-2484.
- If you notice your foster cat has worms, please call Emily Holmes as soon as possible. Our animals are given dewormer before going into foster care but they could still present worms.
- Please keep your foster cat separate from other animals in the house for the first two weeks unless you've been told otherwise by HSTT staff. This is one of the most important things to remember. This policy is put in place to protect your pets at home as well as the foster cat.
- Please call immediately if your foster cat is displaying illness or injury. Sneezing, eye discharge, lethargy, limping, litter box issues, blood in stool or urine, eating habits change, etc.
- Do not give cats or kittens any kind of milk. They cannot digest it.
- Always supervise interactions between children and the foster cat. Never leave small children unattended with a foster animal.
- Your foster cat depends on you to look out for his/her safety and well-being. If someone is displaying inappropriate behavior or treating your foster cat poorly please stop them immediately.
- For specific behavior issues, contact HSTT for guidance and support.
- Contact HSTT if anyone is interested in adopting your foster cat. DON'T try to arrange adoptions or do interviews on your own. All adoptions must go through HSTT.
- Please remember this cat belongs to HSTT and must be treated as such.
- Foster parents must respond within 24 hours to communications from HSTT staff.

- Report any bites that break the skin IMMEDIATELY.
- Contact HSTT as soon as possible if your foster cat needs medical attention.
- As a foster parent, you agree to let HSTT visit your premises where the cat is being kept to determine the setting is appropriate for him/her.
- You MUST provide adequate food, water, shelter, and kind, loving treatment for your foster animal at all times. In addition, foster parents must adhere to all state and local animal laws. You must agree to follow all additional written instructions from HSTT.

Kittens (additional info):

- Must be kept separate from other animals in the house at all times unless otherwise instructed by HSTT staff.
- Any and all medical issues MUST be reported immediately. Kittens have weakened immune systems.
- Kittens need to be handled on a regular basis for socialization purposes, so make sure that you are playing, holding and handling the kittens regularly!!

If you cannot foster any longer, please give HSTT as much notice as possible to that HSTT can find a suitable replacement foster home.

Shelter staff may remove a foster cat from a foster home for any reason they deem necessary.

PLEASE READ and SIGN:

I have read the 2 page HSTT foster guide for cats and kittens and I understand that I am taking an animal into my home and the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe cannot be held accountable for incidents and accidents inside or outside of the house or any other location. I understand the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe cannot guarantee this animal's health or behavior. The Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe has given me all the information on this animal that they know. I have read and understand the foster guidelines.

Date

Signature of Foster Parent Representative

Print Foster Parent Name