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Foster Program in a Box

Foster Program Supplies



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If you were asked to list all the things a feline foster family needed, what would you include? The obvious items are cat food and litter, or in the case of kittens, KMR and blankets, but what about an emergency contact or a support system? Review this list to ensure you can meet all of your foster's needs.

By identifying the gaps in supplies, you can target fundraising efforts, create a wish list or apply for grants. Don't forget that many times foster parents will purchase supplies and that these may be used as a tax deduction.*

✓ Feline Supplies

Dry and wet food
Litter
Toys
Scratchers
Collars
Microchips
Vaccines
Dewormer
Flea/tick meds

✓ Kitten Supplies

KMR or other milk replacement
Bottles, bottle brushes
Toothbrush
1mL and 3mL syringes
Variety of nipple sizes and lengths
Non-knit blankets
Heating pads or discs
Cotton balls
Heartbeat simulators
Incubators
Plain chicken baby food
Karo syrup

Fortiflora
Washcloths
Gloves
Rescue or Trifectant
A&D
Strongid
Rubbing alcohol
Surgical lubrication ointment
Nail clippers
Thermometer
Scale
Pumpkin puree
Paper collars
ID collars

* Please discuss with your tax professional

✓ Socialization Supplies

Clicker
Paint brush
Wand toy
Back scratcher
Feliway
Behavior journal
Plain chicken baby food
Inaba Churu
Crate

✓ Program Supplies

Process map or flowchart
Budget
Inventory sheet or signout
Standard operating procedures
Emergency decision making guidelines
Fading kitten protocol
Diarrhea, anorexia, URI protocols (as determined by your veterinarian)
After hours contact
Facebook group (or other interactive virtual place)
Guidelines for interaction

Mentors
Training/onboarding process
Foster tracking process
Guidelines for aging and sexing kittens
Adoption from foster process
Medical tracking system
Foster followup
Method for gathering marketing material
Ownership and liability release forms
Onboarding or orientation: we recommend a video!
Resource webpage
Emergency contact handout (consider a magnet!)

Just remember that not all of your foster program needs are based on money. Having clear guidelines for approving medical needs or handling emergencies; forms for fosters, adopters and volunteers; business plans; and foster support methods are all necessary for the success of your program and longevity of your life saving efforts.