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# Foster Program in a Box

Foster Program Supplies



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

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\* 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.