




KITTEN FOSTER FACT SHEET





Enjoying the unconditional love of kittens is extremely gratifying and rewarding. Foster homes are a vital part of the shelter's operation. The decision to become a foster home should be undertaken thoughtfully. Fostering is time consuming and a substantial responsibility. The foster family is expected to provide a safe and healthy environment, lots of socialization and most importantly, love.

 Why do we need fosters? Kittens, kittens and more kittens! In a litter or alone, we need a temporary home until they attain the required weight for spaying and neutering (3 lbs for female, 2 lbs for male) and be adopted.


 Foster kittens will need to be brought to the shelter for weighing, medication or other shelter requirements. The Georgetown Animal Shelter will make all medical and adoption decisions.


 You will be provided with the information you need, to be a successful foster parent, including information on illness, disease and personal safety precautions. Fosters must be 18 years or older.


 Should you decide to adopt a kitten you are fostering, you will be required to submit an application for adoption.


 Foster kittens need to be kept isolated from you household pets. Due to high temperatures, foster kittens cannot be housed in a garage unless the garage is air-conditioned.


THINGS TO CONSIDER

 Will you have enough time to spend with your foster kitten(s)? Socializing is very important, especially with young kittens. The more time you spend with your foster kittens, the better the chance the kittens have for a successful and permanent adoption to a forever home.

 Will you be able to keep a close watch on the foster kitten's health? Kittens are susceptible to dehydration, which can kill a kitten. Can you cope with the possibility that the kitten you are fostering may die of complications that may not be your fault?

 Will you be emotionally able to return the kitten to the Georgetown Animal Shelter after the foster period is completed? For some, this is the hardest thing to do. It's easy to become attached to your foster animal. Letting go becomes easier over time. The more you foster, the more you help save lives!

 As a foster, you will be expected to provide litter, toys, bedding and some food. (Dry kitten food will be provided) If the shelter has donated items available, you may be able to obtain these from the shelter. The shelter will handle all medical care.

 Do you have time to clean up after your foster kittens? Young kittens are usually doing one of four things: eating, sleeping, playing and going potty! Keeping the kittens' environment clean will help prevent illness and stress.

We would love to have you as a foster parent. Your efforts will help prepare the kittens for adoption into a forever home!