



Kitten season is nearly here and Cat Welfare Association needs foster homes!

Young kittens, because of their delicate immune systems, are far more likely to get sick in a shelter setting than older kittens and adult cats.

These babies (sometimes with mom) must stay in a foster home until they are old enough to be returned to the shelter to be adopted. Foster homes provide a comfy, safe place for kittens to grow while learning to play and enjoy people. Young kittens must be well socialized or have frequent, positive experiences with people to be friendly instead of fearful. Friendly kittens are much less stressed and much more adoptable!

Food, litter, pre-approved medical treatment, initial immunizations, etc. are all provided by Cat Welfare. You should not have any out of pocket costs as a volunteer foster parent.

Do you have an extra room where kittens could spend a few weeks until they are old enough to be adopted from our shelter (usually between 9-12 weeks old)? Foster kittens must be housed apart from your family pets. The safety of our cats AND your pets is paramount. We maintain this separate territory requirement for several reasons:

- To prevent injury to our kittens; even the most gentle and friendly cat or dog can occasionally be in a bad mood, and it doesn't take much to harm a one pound kitten.
- To prevent illnesses to all parties; though we do as much health screening and treatment as we can, there are some illnesses that we cannot screen for, or that can show up days or weeks after presentation. There are also illnesses that adult animals can carry while remaining perfectly healthy, that can be harmful to young kittens.
- To minimize stress: every new animal introduction is traumatic on some level. Once animals have time to get past that stress, if they have formed a bond then each separation is stressful on some level. These foster relationships, with few exceptions, are designed to be short-term, and not worth putting our animals through this anxiety.

Children under the age of ten must always be supervised around young kittens and mommas.

**As a foster parent, you must:**

**Change litter pan(s) daily**

**Provide food and clean water as instructed, at least twice daily**

**Handle kittens (once eyes are open) several times a day**

**Give any needed medications such as eye drops and liquid medication (not routine)**

*Please circle all of the following you would be willing to foster:*

An orphaned or abandoned kitten

A litter of kittens without mom

A nursing mom and litter of kittens

A mom whose kittens are weaned and her milk supply is drying up so that she can be spayed before being adopted

Emergency foster care to cover foster parent vacation or illness (usually 5-10 days duration)

**Mandatory Agreements:**

**1. I understand and agree that Cat Welfare remains the owner of the kittens and momma during foster care in my home .**

**2. I will **IMMEDIATELY** notify the shelter if a kitten or mom becomes ill and will transport to the CWA approved vet.**

**3. I understand that if I seek veterinary care without the shelter's permission, it will be at my own expense and may not be reimbursed.**

**4. I agree NOT to give/sell/ or place Cat Welfare kittens and mom while in my care.**

**5. I will return the kittens (and mom) to the shelter for needed immunization and worming as scheduled.**

**6. I will return the kittens (and mom) to the shelter at the agreed upon date for adoption.**

**7. I understand that all adoptions must be completed at the shelter so that oversight, health checks and record keeping are completed by Cat Welfare.**

**8. I understand that I may adopt a foster with the approval of Cat Welfare and that I will pay the adoption fee.**

**I have read and understand the responsibilities of a foster parent as presented in this document and agree to follow the Agreement as stated above.**

**Name:  
(Please Print)**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Phone Numbers:**