

FAQs

Q. What if I want to adopt my foster?

- A. When you receive a final vaccine and return appointment, rather than returning you can adopt! The adoption fee for kittens is \$89 and that includes all of the vaccines, dewormer, spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, microchip, and a free wellness visit at one of the participating local vets.

Q. What if I have found adopters for my fosters?

- A. That's great! When you receive a final vaccine and return appointment, the potential adopters can meet you at the facility to finalize paperwork. We strongly encourage that they come in before that appointment to fill out an application and place a deposit on the foster pet. This guarantees that they may adopt first when the fosters return.

Q. What if I am going on vacation during the time I am fostering?

- A. If you ever need to return your fosters for a period of time, we ask that you let us know at least a week in advance. If you have friends or family to "foster sit" you are welcome to do that as well while you are out of town.

Q. What if my fosters aren't eating?

- A. It is critical that our medical staff is informed with 24-48 hours of noticing that the foster isn't eating. Contact Taylor Vukich at taylor@lynchburghumane.org, or our foster phone at 434-473-1383. If you are unable to reach anyone, you can call the front desk at 434-448-0088 xt. 100 and ask for the medical department.

Q. What if it is after hours and my foster needs medical attention?

- A. After hours vet care is provided by the Animal Emergency and Critical Care in Lynchburg. Our foster phone number is 434-473-1383 and our vet will need to give the go ahead to take the foster to the clinic.

Q. My foster(s) have abnormal stool, what should I do?

- A. If you notice a change in your foster's stool, it could need another deworming or it may have a parasite. No appointment is necessary, just bring in a sample for the medical team to look at. Once there is a result on the sample, we will get in contact and let you know of any medications you may need to come pick up. **If you are fostering young kittens and they have diarrhea, it is very important that a sample is brought in immediately.**

Q. What if my foster has worms?

- A. Worms are very common in younger animals and it's an easy fix! Roundworms are the most common type and are longer, thin worms. Tapeworms are also fairly common and are shorter, segmented pieces. Both of these types require the foster pet to be

dewormed again. Once our medical staff is informed, you can take the appropriate medication home and administer it yourself.

Q. Do I need to buy my own supplies and food?

- A. All supplies will be provided for you! This includes food (wet and dry), litter, litter box, scoop, bowls, etc.

Q. When can my foster puppies go outside?

- A. Once the puppies are six weeks old and have received a second vaccination, they may go outside. It is important that they do not interact with other dogs since their immune systems are not fully developed or protected yet.

Q. Can my foster kittens interact with my resident cat(s)?

- A. It is important to keep fosters and resident pets separate, but if space does not allow for it through the whole fostering time, there are some options. Once the foster kittens have received at least two vaccines, it is safer for them to interact with a resident cat. However, for the safety of your personal pet and the kittens, ensure that it is fully vaccinated and up-to-date. All litter boxes, dishes, etc. should still always remain completely separate.

Q. What if I need to change my appointment?

- A. Please give at least a 24 hour notice if you need to change your next foster appointment. You can call the front desk at 434-448-0088 xt. 100, or email Taylor Vukich at taylor@lynchburghumane.org to reschedule.

Q. What if my foster has fleas?

- A. It is very important that fleas are taken care of immediately since they can cause the foster pet to become anemic. Kittens as young as two weeks old can begin receiving certain flea treatments, however, the best option for young pets is to bathe them with Dawn soap. Tips on how to do this can be found elsewhere in this portal. It is critical to get the foster pet completely warm and dry immediately after the bath. The medical staff should be informed of the fleas after a bath is given. Information on fleas and flea anemia can be found in the "Illnesses" section.