



Foster Cat Take Home Information

Foster Date: _____

Cat Name	Cat ID #	Gender	Age	Microchip #

Please use your foster cat(s)'s official HPA! name and/or ID number in all official correspondence with HPA staff, volunteers, or the public/potential adopters. You are welcome to use any name you like at home, but our teams will not be able to reference paperwork or process adoptions without the name in our records.

Foster Cat(s) Medical Records:

FVRCP vaccine 1: _____ FVRCP 2: _____ FVRCP 3: _____

Rabies vaccine: _____ Combo Test Date: _____ Results: _____

Spay/Neuter Date: _____

Only kittens under 4 months of age need to have a 3rd FVRCP vaccine.

*** Please bring this cover sheet to all medical appointments and fill in the blanks as they receive further vet care.**

*** FVRCP vaccines are given at least 2 weeks apart.**

*** Once all blanks above are filled in, your pet is medically ready for adoption.**

Your foster cat(s) will be **DUE** for the following:

FVRCP vaccine: _____ Rabies vaccine: _____ Combo Test: _____

Spay/Neuter: _____ (please schedule with routinemedical@houstonpetsalive.org)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Sick Pets: sickmedical@houstonpetsalive.org

Vaccines/Spay/Neuter/Wellness: RoutineMedical@HoustonPetsAlive.org

Behavioral: behavior@houstonpetsalive.org

Cattery Placement: PetStoreCats@HoustonPetsAlive.org

Interested Adopter/Adoption Process: Adopt@HoustonPetsAlive.org

Not sure where your question should go? CatFoster@houstonpetsalive.org

Social Media: Be sure to join our Houston Pets Alive Foster Network page on Facebook!

Emergencies ONLY!: 281-215-5146 Please only use this number for true life or death emergencies!

Foster Timeline



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- Week 1:
 - Please keep your foster separated from any other dogs or cats in the home during this week. This allows your foster time to acclimate themselves to a new environment and decompress from the stress of being moved from shelter to home environment. Cats are easily stressed and need some time to realize they are safe.
 - This isolation period is also very important in case your foster comes down with an illness after they leave the shelter. Cats hide illness well and don't always show symptoms right away. This first week gives those illnesses time to come to light before exposing your pets to them which can cause them to get sick as well. If your foster does get sick during this first week, please extend the separation time.
 - After a couple of days, please take some photos in well-lit areas of your foster and send them, along with a bio, to bios@houstonpetsalive.org We will get this information on our website so we can begin marketing for adoption. Please also share these photos and bio in your own social networks to increase exposure as well as on our Foster Network Page on Facebook.

- Week 2:
 - Schedule your foster cats spay/neuter appointment and wellness appointment for any necessary booster vaccines. You can email routinemedical@houstonpetsalive.org to schedule your appointment.
 - Foster Fest: Foster Fest is a weekly event on Sundays where fosters can bring in their foster pets for routine care such as vaccines, microchip, testing, etc. Your foster cat will receive its second vaccine booster at a Foster Fest 2 weeks after receiving the first vaccine. Please Email routinemedical@houstonpetsalive.org to sign up for Foster Fest.

- Week 3:
 - Your foster will need a week to heal after the spay/neuter surgery. Once they are healed, they are ready to enter a pet store for adoption. Your foster will live in a cattery until adoption. We have several volunteers who visit them twice a day for a few hours at a time. They will be fed, cleaned, socialized, and will have a chance to run and play as well.
 - Getting your foster cat into a pet store for adoption can take anywhere from a couple weeks to a couple of months depending on available space in our pet stores. Our goal is to get them into a store as soon as possible so they can be adopted and we can continue saving more lives.
 - During this wait period, please continue to market your foster in every possible place (i.e. social media, flyers at Starbucks, etc.) If you need tips on how and where to market, please email catfoster@houstonpetsalive.org