

Kattered Tails

Feline Foster Parent Book

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A Message from Kattered Tails

Thank you for your interest in Kattered Tails Foster Program! There is a variety of information in this binder for you to become a successful Feline Foster Parent.

Feline Foster Parents fulfill the most vital role within the rescue. We would like to make sure that you have information available for you as you begin your new adventure as a Feline Foster Parent to our feline friends. This binder contains information on your role as a foster, adoption day instructions, the basics of foster care, veterinary care, vaccination information, and spay/neuter information, socialization of a cat or kitten, web posting information the adoption process. This binder also contains many informative pages about cat diseases and common everyday cat issues. Please keep this Binder as a reference for yourself.

The Foster Application and The Cat Foster Parent Agreement must be completed prior to any cats or kittens being placed in your care.

We hope you save all information provided, as it will help answer many of the questions that can arise while you foster.

Fostering saves the lives of many cats and kittens. There are times when sick cats/kittens and difficult cats challenge us, however most foster cats/kittens are completely routine. You are providing food, shelter and love to our deserving feline friends. Seeing your foster cat/kitten being adopted is a satisfying and sometime tearful experience but always a true accomplishment.

Thank you for becoming a Feline Foster Parent with Kattered Tails.

Adoption Day Guidelines for Feline Fosters Parents

- ✓ *All Fosters are required to show their adoptable cats and kittens at Kattered Tails adoption events. The foster is not required to stay during the event. No exceptions.*
- ✓ *All Fosters are required to participate in special adoption events, showing adoptable cats or helping with the event.*
- ✓ *All cats/kittens **must** be spayed/neutered and given their shots prior to being shown for adoption.*
- ✓ *All cats/kittens **must** be healthy for adoption. No eye drainage, no diarrhea, no ear infection and no ringworm or ear mites. *Immediate eye drainage and runny noses are **NOT** symptoms of stress* (Cats & Kittens can develop loose stools after adoptions, that is not diarrhea)*
- ✓ *Cats/Kittens who have tested positive for FIV can be shown.*
- ✓ *Cats/Kittens who have tested positive Fely cannot be shown. However, they should be posted on Petfinder and Facebook.*
- ✓ *All fosters should be available for questions from potential adopters. (Phone, text, email)*

Guidelines for Feline Foster Parents

✓ *Cats/Kittens needing foster cat care:*

- *Any adoptable cat that needs a safe place while awaiting adoption.*
- *Any cat who tested positive for FIV/FelV needing a safe place to live while awaiting adoption.*
- *Any unadoptable cat needing a place to live peacefully and taken care of.*
- *Any pregnant cat needing care before birthing kittens or cat with kittens needing care while nursing.*
- *Immature kittens needing TLC (bottle feeding) or care until weight of 2 pounds before spay or neuter.*
- *Cats or kittens needing time to recover from injuries or recuperation time.*

✓ *Goals of Fostering:*

- *First and foremost, to save lives.*
- *Save the lives of cats and kittens that would not otherwise thrive in their current environments.*
- *Finding foster cats/kittens forever homes once they are big enough, well socialized or recovered from illness.*
- *Prevent illness and providing socialization for kittens while they mature.*
- *Supporting the recovery of cats/kittens by providing care in a home environment.*

✓ *To Do's While Cat/Kittens are in your Foster care:*

- *Provide a safe environment for all Foster cats/kittens.*
- *Ensure that all cats/kittens are indoor cats only, watch doors.*
- *Provide quality food, water and shelter for Foster cats/kittens.*

(We use Purina One Indoor Adult, Purina One Healthy Kitten Formula, Royce Cannin Mamma & Baby Cat (Bottle Babies then slow change over).

✓ *Vaccinate cats or kittens above 2 pounds prior to adoption.*

- *Vaccines and syringes provided by rescue*
- *Kittens get 2 shots 4 weeks apart*
- *Known adults 1 shot, adults no records 2 shots*
- *All cats/kittens are dewormed and meds and instructions provided. Two doses 3 weeks apart.*
- *All fosters need to learn how to vaccinate their foster cats/kittens. It is part of our job as foster moms & dads.*

✓ *Approved Veterinary Clinics:*

- *Tempe Pet Clinic*
1425 W. Southern Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-829-1002
- *Homeward Bound*
1020 E. Pecos RD. #1
Chandler, AZ 85225
480-821-7380
- *Spay/Neuter Clinic*
2040 S Alma School Rd., Ste.25
Chandler, AZ 85286
480-814-1008
- *Banfield Pet Hospital*
2840 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85224
480-814-7636

✓ *Spaying/Neutering:*

- *When kittens reach two pounds and are healthy they are ready to be spayed or neutered.*

Contact Monica (480-751-9688) to get appointments scheduled. We use the various clinics listed and will take the earliest date available. We can all help with transport, we work as a group. Cats who have weaned her kittens and healthy adult cats can be scheduled as well.

✓ Cat/Kitten Adoption Information:

- All adoptable cats/kittens must be shown at adoption events on Saturdays. If you need help with transport, please ask.*
- Foster are asked not to adopt their kittens or cats out on Facebook. All adoptions are done on adoption days only. Kittens will not be held for anyone who sees the kittens on fosters page on Facebook. Fosters cannot promise the kittens to anyone the kittens are the property of Kattered Tails. (Unless under special circumstances)*
- The week a cat or kitten is spayed or neutered the cat or kitten **MUST** be at adoption the event that Saturday, no exceptions, make arrangements if needed.*

- *All cats/kittens available for adoption must have trimmed nails, eyes and ear clean. We can always trim nails on Saturday during down time.*
- *All cats must be healthy. No diarrhea, eye drainage and NO ringworm or ear mites.*
- *A cat is not ready for adoption until it has had no symptoms of illness for at least one week or spayed or neutered. If you are fostering kittens, they must weigh two pounds to be adopted. Kittens usually reach two pounds between nine and ten weeks of age. They must be completely healthy and have not had any symptoms of illness for at least one week prior to adoption.*
- *When your foster is adopted follow up with adopter within two weeks to see if there are any additional questions.*
- *Fosters can adopt their foster cat or kitten in their care. In the past we did not ask fosters to help with the cost. However, due to rising cost at the vet we now ask the fosters to pay the cost. (spay/neutering, vaccinations, testing, medications at vet, any incurred vet bills while in foster care)*

Quick Reference for Feline Foster Parents

- x *Always get Pre-Authorization prior to all Veterinary appointments being made.*
- x *Always ask for advice. There are a few Foster Parents who have been fostering and in rescue for 13+ years.*

- x Check to make sure your sick cat/kitten for hydration - they should be drinking water, using the litter box, have loose elastic skin and moist mouths. (Pink Gums)*
- x Never let rescue cats/kittens go outside. Watch your doors!*
- x Kattered Tails will provide food, cat litter for foster cats.*
- x Never turn over a cat to an adopter without the cat/kitten being spayed/neutered, current on shots, tested for FIV/Felv and never without adoption contact being completed,*
- x **Show up!** Bringing your cats and kittens to adoption events is a MUST and the only way to get them adopted into their forever homes. Adoptions begin at 11:00 am. Kittens are required to be there every Saturday.*
- x Never have more than 10 adult cats in your home.*
- x All intakes are to approved; in no approval was given Kattered Tails will not financially be responsible for cat/kitten.*
- x Kattered Tails will be charging a surrender fee of \$85.00 for personal cats; a \$65.00 donation for stray cats or donations of food and litter that we use. They will receive a donation receipt for stray donation only not owner surrender.*
- x Adoptions fees for adults and kittens is \$175.00.*
- x Adoptions with two or more cats please speak with Monica or Taylor.*
- x Fosters can adopt their kittens. In the past there was no fee. However, as vet prices rise our cost go up. We now ask our foster to pay our cost for adoption of their fosters. (spay/neuter, testing, vaccinations, medications at vets, vet bills incurred while in foster care)*

- x All cats and kittens spayed and neutered during the current week MUST be at adoption that Saturday, no exceptions, make arrangements if necessary.*

Notes:

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Foster/Volunteer Application

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Previous experience as a feline foster parent: YES _____

NO _____

If yes explain:

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History of volunteer work: YES _____ NO

If yes explain:

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Please circle the area you are interested in volunteering:

Fostering Adoption Day Set Up/Clean Up Fundraising/Grant Writing

OTHER:

Applicant:

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Kattered Tails Rep:

Parent/Guardian Signature Under 18:

Feline Foster Parent Agreement

The Cat Foster Parent Agreement states the expectations of Kattered Tails Fostering program. When you become a foster with us you are expected to comply with the policies of the group and the rules and guidelines of the fostering program.

Please read initial:

Program Requirements:

- ✚ I understand that foster cats are the property of Kattered Tails and as a foster I have responsibilities as shown below.

- ✚ I have read the Kattered Tails and understand my responsibilities as a Feline Foster Parent. _____
- ✚ I understand that as a Feline Foster all adoptable cats/kittens must be shown at Kattered Tails adoption events. If I am unable to attend or have my adoptable cats/kittens at the adoption events I will make other arrangements to get them there without exception. _____
- ✚ I also understand that if I do not show my adoptable cats at events Kattered Tails will ask that all cats and kittens be returned; if not returned Kattered Tails will no longer assume financial/medical responsibility/legal liability for the cats/kittens and cats in my care will be assumed mine. _____

- ✦ I understand that I **MUST** get approval for Veterinary visits, medication or any services, and that **MUST** be at one of the approved Vet Clinics listed on the Veterinary Clinics Approved. I also understand that I will **NOT** be reimbursed by the rescue if I choose to incur expenses at a non-approved vet clinic. _____
- ✦ I understand that all intakes must first get approval. _____
- ✦ I understand that as a Feline Foster Parent I will have no more than 10 adult cats in my home at a given time. _____
- ✦ I understand that as a Feline Foster Parent there is the possibility of having long term foster cats in my home and that Kattered Tails will provide for their medical needs unless I choose to keep cat as my personal pet. _____
- ✦ I understand that my position as a Feline Foster Parent depends on my cooperation with these expectations. _____

Feline Care Responsibilities:

- ✦ I understand that I will be contacted when cats/kittens need rescuing and If I will be available to Foster. _____
- ✦ I understand that I could be asked to help in rescuing a cat/kittens needing to be fostered. _____
- ✦ I understand that fostering cats and kittens includes keeping animals inside and preventing escape routes, never allowing young children unsupervised access to animals, providing quality food and fresh drinking water, and a safe home environment. _____
- ✦ I will stay in contact with Kattered Tails, answering emails, tests and phone calls promptly. _____
- ✦ I understand that I will maintain the health of all animals in my care. _____
- ✦ I understand that once a kitten reaches two pounds in weight and healthy, and when a cat is healthy, I will have the cat or kitten to be spayed/neutered. _____
- ✦ I understand that I am responsible for vaccinations (24 hrs prior to spay/neuter). _____

- ✚ I understand that all cats/kittens are to be tested for FIV/Felv while at the Vet for spay/neuter. (unless the mother cat test negative kittens are not tested) _____
- ✚ I understand that no animal is to be handed over to an adopter or kept as a personal pet until the official adoption paperwork is complete, adoption fee paid, and animal has been spayed/neutered. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____