



Foster Home Guidelines

Normal Fostering Care and Duties

- Provide safe, clean, warm, indoor housing and care for the cat(s) and or kitten(s). **Foster kitties are to be kept INDOORS at all times, with no exceptions.**
- Provide clean bedding (blankets, towels, etc.) and toys daily.
- Provide quality cat food and litter considered a donation.
(We will provide food and litter when available from public donations)
- The cat(s) and or kitten(s) should have access to food and water **24 hours a day.**
- Litter boxes should be cleaned at least every day.
- **Contact Hidden Gem Cat Rescue WEEKLY** regarding the condition of the kitties and ANY questions about their care and/or health. Hidden Gem Cat Rescue's email is checked at least daily. Foster Parents will be provided emergency contact numbers as well.
- When fostering for Hidden Gem Cat Rescue we ask that you **DO NOT take fosters to veterinary clinics without authorization from HGCR's staff, if you do without prior authorization you are responsible for any resulting fees.**
- When fostering for HGCR, we ask that you **DO NOT** foster for other rescue groups unless separate space is available, this reduces the risk of disease and infections spreading.
- You must be able to commit a **minimum of 2 hours each day** for playing with and socializing your foster kitties. It is a very important responsibility and is one of the most fun parts of fostering.

Sick and/or Injured Cat Procedure

- **Do NOT** take the feline(s) to a veterinary clinic unless authorized. We have certain clinics we go through. If you choose to go to a clinic without prior authorization **you will be responsible for all fees.**
- **Include Cats Name when upon contact so we know which cat.**
- If mild sickness or un-lethal injury email us with details at Info@Hiddengemcatrescue.org, title it "Sick/Injured Foster".
- If severe/lethal sickness and or injury call us at our emergency number **Sam W. 425-659-8801**, and we will come to pick up the cat(s) and or kitten(s) for immediate medical attention or direct you to the proper clinic for faster action and if you are unsure, call or text.

Length of Fostering

Foster cats/kittens remain in foster care until they get adopted, they are adoptable once:

- They are approximately 2 months old and weigh a minimum of 2 lbs pounds. At this weight and age, they can safely be vaccinated and spayed/neutered prior to being made available for adoption.
- They are tame, social, and healthy and have completed a 14-day quarantine. This is to protect your other pets if you have any!
- There is space for them with another/ a different foster home. **If space is unavailable, you might be asked to continue to care for your fosters for a time until space is available.** We ask foster parents to be patient, as during summer and fall months of kitten season are very busy.

The Adoption Process

- You are the best source of information about your foster(s) as you have been spending so much time with them. Any observations you can provide will help them find the perfect home, resulting in happy kitties and happy new owners!
- If you would like to adopt your own foster cat/kitten, you must complete an Adoption Survey and qualify as an approved adopter. As a foster, you will be offered a reduced adoption fee. For single kittens this will be \$150 instead of \$200 and pairs will be \$300 instead of \$400.
- If someone you know would like to adopt one of your foster cats, the possible adopter has to go through the normal adoption process and pay the general adoption fee.
- Please **DO NOT** promise any cat or kitten(s) to anyone.
- Hidden Gem Cat Rescue Staff must approve all adoptions.
- Foster kitties must not be "shown/promised" to interested adopters unless an approved adoption application is completed and on file at HGCR and a Hidden Gem Cat Rescue representative is on-site at the time of the meeting.

Pick ups and Drop offs

- Hidden Gem Cat Rescue will coordinate a time for a drop off of foster cats and or kittens or a pick-up!
- **Pick-up from you will occur at any time** Hidden Gem Cat Rescue chooses to do so and will be scheduled with you. You must be available for Hidden Gem Cat Rescue staff to pick up a cat and or kitten **within three days** of us contacting you. If the cat and or kitten is kept from us legal action will be taken. We state this primarily for legal reasons and for the kitties' safety!
- Any questions about non-emergency pick-ups and or drop-offs can be emailed to us at Info@Hiddengemcatrescue.org, please title it "Pick up and Drop off Questions"