

# Types of Foster Kittens



## Bottle Babies

These fosters should have experience with orphaned babies. If you do not have prior experience but would like to learn, we'd simply request for you to take an online course. Bottle babies require feeding every two to three hours depending on age, stimulation to urinate and defecate, a constant heat source, and daily monitoring of weight and food intake. They will need to be kept away from other animals in the house as they will not be old enough to receive vaccinations and are the most susceptible to illness. This applies to nursing kittens as well.



## Nursing Moms

Moms will need a separate, quiet area away from other animals. This also requires you to start weaning kittens from their mom once the appropriate age is reached. Nursing moms require little care and will come to your home current on vaccinations, we just ask that you monitor the kittens and keep a weight log for each kitten.



## Medical

Medical fosters would require you to administer medication and have the ability to bring them to the shelter, or our vet, more frequently. Medical fosters may also pose a risk to other healthy animals in the home. While we would never purposely send a kitten with you that could spread a life-threatening illness to your current animals, sometimes these things are unpredictable, so we require your animals to be current on vaccinations. We would provide literature on care and medication administration as well as our medical coordinator's personal number in case of emergencies. Sometimes these kittens may have a congenital illness and pose no known risk to other animals.



## Socialization

This would require a foster to be willing to work with scared or feral kittens. With attention and time, the kittens will come around. We would discuss the best ways to help these kittens be socialized.



## In-between Kittens

These are the kittens that are just waiting for their spays/neuters because they are under two pounds. They require a visit to the shelter once every two weeks so they can be weighed and have their age-appropriate vaccinations.