

Foster Parent Name (print):	Date:
Address/City/State:	Phone Number:
	Email:

Terms of Foster Care

1. The Foster Parent is a King Street Cats (KSC) Volunteer and agrees to abide by all of KSC's rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines. *(Please refer to KSC Volunteer Agreement)*
2. The cat's known background and medical history have been discussed with the Foster Parent.
3. The Foster Parent will coordinate with KSC for any authorized veterinary care that is required during the term of this Agreement. Care coordinated with KSC will be paid for by KSC.
4. KSC will continue to pay for authorized major and routine medical expenses as long as the cat is in foster care.
5. KSC highly recommends that foster cats be kept separate from the Foster Parent's own cats, at least until the foster cat's medical condition is well understood. While KSC provides the best medical care possible for all its cats, a foster cat may still carry and transmit disease. The Foster Parent remains responsible for any medical expenses for his/her own pets; KSC cannot afford to pay vet bills for the Foster Parent's pets—even for ailments potentially transmitted by the foster cat.
6. If desired by the Foster Parent, KSC will provide food and litter for KSC foster cats/kittens. Please note that this food and litter is intended for KSC foster felines only. If the Foster Parent provides food and litter, KSC will gladly provide the Foster Parent with a tax donation receipt for food, litter, and other essentials provided by the Foster Parent. If the Foster Parent keeps the receipts, these expenses should be tax deductible.
7. All KSC cats are intended to be indoor only cats. The Foster Parent agrees to keep his/her foster cat(s) inside their home at all times.
8. The Foster Parent understands that the cat is the property of KSC and will not sell, trade, abandon, give away, or otherwise dispose of the cat.
9. In coordination with the Adoption Chair, the Foster Parent will bring adoptable cats or kittens in his/her care to KSC adoption events. The Foster Parent will return after adoption hours are over, pick up the cat and resume foster care until the next adoption event.
10. The Foster Parent will return the foster cat(s) to KSC at any time upon request, which may occur without prior notice.
11. KSC may inquire about the foster cat(s) at any time.
12. The Foster Parent affirms that s/he has never been charged with, or convicted of, any crimes involving abuse towards animals.
13. Failure to comply with any of the above terms of foster care may result in KSC requiring the return of the cat(s).

I have read and agree to all of the above statements and terms of foster care.

Foster Parent's Signature

FOR KING STREET CATS ONLY
KSC Volunteer Signature: _____
Name:(please print) _____
Foster care terminated _____
Cat adopted: _____

I am interested in fostering the following (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Orphaned kittens

☐ Mother with babies

☐ Adult cat(s)

☐ Pregnant mother

☐ Bottle feeding babies

Are you able to administer any of the following medication if necessary?
 (please check all that apply)

Type of Medication	Willing to Administer	Proficient	Need Training
Liquid - oral			
Pill - oral			
Eye Drops			
Shots			

Known Upcoming Travel Days:

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Address/City/State:	Phone Number:
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Vetting Schedule and Information for Kitten Fosters

An important part of kitten fostering is keeping up with the routine vet care that kittens need to stay healthy. It is also necessary to keep track of their medical care for their future adoptive family. KSC will keep a separate folder for each cat/kitten with a treatment sheet and proof of vaccines, combo testing, and proof of spay or neuter from the vet.

It is the responsibility of the Foster Parent to make sure that the appropriate vetting is completed on schedule.

Preventative/Scheduled Care

Please use the information below as a guide and consult with King Street Cats (KSC) if you have questions.

Deworming:

- ☐ Starting at 3-6 weeks of age, please give Panacur orally for three days. KSC will prepare the dosage based on the kitten's weight. This process should ideally be repeated every month for a total of three treatments (i.e. three days of treatment, repeated once a month, for three months).
- ☐ Starting at 6-8 weeks of age, please give Albon orally once a day for two weeks. KSC will prepare and provide to Foster Parent.
- ☐ If you have a nursing mother, deworm her along with the kittens.

Flea Preventative:

- ☐ Flea preventative can be given to pregnant felines and once kittens reach 8 weeks of age. Please contact KSC to coordinate picking up flea preventative for your foster cat(s).
- ☐ If you have kittens that are younger than 8 weeks of age, they should be given a bath in Dawn Detergent to remove any possible fleas. If you are concerned about doing this, please contact KSC for further instructions or assistance.

Distemper Shots:

- ☐ First injection should be given at age 6-8 weeks, and repeated two more times at three-four week intervals.
- ☐ Pregnant mothers do NOT get this shot.
- ☐ Please contact KSC to schedule shots. We prefer to have our medical volunteers administer these vaccinations at KSC rather than at the vet's office because it is much less expensive.

Microchip:

- ☐ KSC now microchips all of their cats and kittens. This can be done in coordination with their distemper shot injections. Please contact KSC to coordinate. We prefer that this is done at KSC vs. Fort Hunt as it is much less expensive.
- ☐ Please note that KSC will be the cat's primary owner on the microchip account and the adoptive parent will be the secondary owner. KSC does this so that a cat will be returned to KSC if an owner surrenders a cat to a kill shelter, which has unfortunately happened before.



Combo Test:

- ☐ Screens for feline leukemia and FIV are usually conducted at time of spay/neuter (approximately four months of age). Please note that kittens cannot be effectively tested for Feline Leukemia (very rare – but still a possibility) until they are four months old. Feline Leukemia is extremely contagious to other cats. This combo test **MUST** be done before adoption.

Spay/Neuter:

- ☐ Kittens will need to be at least four (4) lbs. (which is usually around four (4) months old) to be spayed/neutered.
- ☐ Please contact KSC for authorization to take your kitten(s) to Fort Hunt Animal Hospital (1900 Elkin St, Alexandria, VA 22308) to be spayed/neutered.
- ☐ If the kittens need to have their rabies shot and/or the combo test, please tell the staff at the hospital when making the appointment.
- ☐ Be prepared to pick the kittens up on the same day of the surgery.
- ☐ KSC provides soft collars to Fort Hunt to put on KSC fosters after their spay/neuter surgery. Please return your soft collar to KSC when your foster kittens are done with them.

Rabies Shot:

- ☐ Given around four (4) months of age, usually in coordination with their spay/neuter surgery.
- ☐ Can only be given by a licensed veterinarian who will issue a certificate of vaccination.

Fecal Sample:

Please note, KSC tries to do preventative de-worming; however would like to have a fecal sample from the litter tested before returning to the shelter to be adopted. The fecal sample can be done any time while in your care; however please request prior authorization so that one of our volunteers can let Fort Hunt Animal Hospital or Hayfield Animal Hospital know to expect this sample. Only one sample per litter is needed. If one kitten has worms, they will all be treated.

Sample KSC Foster Kitten Vetting Schedule

	0-4 Weeks	4-8 Weeks	8-12 Weeks	12-16 Weeks	> 16 Weeks
Flea Preventative	Dawn Detergent Bath		Stronghold/Revolution		
Deworming	Pancur				
		Albon			
Distemper Shots**			X	X	x
Microchip			X		
FIV/FelV Combo Test					X *
Rabies Shot				X *	
Spay/Neuter Operation					X
Ready for Adoption					X

Done at Home
Done at KSC
Done at Fort Hunt Animal Hospital

**These procedures are typically done at the spay/neuter appointment*

*** The first distemper injection should be given at 6-8 weeks, and repeated 2 more times at three-four week intervals. Please note, pregnant mothers do not get this shot.*

Unscheduled/Emergency Care

Common Health Concerns

1. Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)

- ☐ Though this is common in kittens, you should not ignore it. If heavy yellow discharge develops or the kitten has trouble breathing or eating, contact KSC representative immediately for Fort Hunt Animal Hospital visit authorization. A mild URI can be cleared up by simply wiping away discharge with a warm, wet cloth and keeping kittens in a warm, moist environment (possibly with a humidifier). Use a warm vaporizer or take the kitten into the bathroom and run the shower for a hot steaming.

2. Fleas

- ☐ Fleas on a very small kitten can cause anemia. First, pick fleas off with a flea comb or bathe the kitten in warm water with a mild dish detergent such as Dawn



(or Johnson and Johnson No Tears Shampoo) to get rid of fleas. Avoid the eye area—use a washcloth around the face—and rinse them thoroughly. Do not use flea shampoo or topical flea treatments on kittens 6 weeks or younger. Never submerge kittens fully in water. If giving a bath, be careful of chilling – make sure to dry kittens thoroughly with a warm towel or hair dryer on low, then place on a heating pad.

3. Diarrhea

- ☐ Diarrhea in kittens (and/or mom) can be a sign of worms or upset stomach. If the mom and/or kittens haven't been dewormed yet please contact KSC representative to see if they are old enough for deworming. Simultaneously combining pumpkin puree or paste (1 tablespoon per day) into the wet food will help with diarrhea. If your kittens don't like pumpkin paste, a small amount (1 tablespoon per day) of plain yogurt can help their stomachs as well.
- ☐ Also encourage mom/kittens to drink plenty of fresh water to ensure property hydration; you can add a small amount of Pedialyte in the water to help with dehydration.
- ☐ Contact KSC representative if the diarrhea continues for more than 2 days. Contact KSC representative immediately if you observe lethargy, vomiting, fever, dark-colored or bloody stools, straining to defecate, decreased appetite or unexplained weight loss.

4. Not eating

- ☐ If mom's not feeling well, she will not take care of the kittens (if they are still nursing).
 - i. Give mom ¼ pill of human Original Strength (non-flavored) Pepcid twice a day.
 - ii. Finger-feeding mom some warm Gerber Turkey & Turkey Gravy or Chicken & Chicken Gravy flavor baby food (you may use other brands; however make sure that they do not contain any garlic or onion powder as this is poisonous to cats). Ideally mom should consume one (1) jar in one (1) day.
 - iii. If she's still not eating by the end of day 2 please contact KSC representative.
- ☐ If kittens are not eating, please finger-feed (or syringe feed) then warm Gerber Turkey & Turkey Gravy or Chicken & Chick Gravy flavor baby food. Depending on the age/size of the kitten ¼ to ½ jar daily. If kitten is not eating by the end of day two (2) please contact KSC representative.

5. Ringworm

- Ringworm is caused by a fungal infection on the skin. Although the name is misleading, ringworm is not caused by worms. It is caused by a fungal infection on the skin. Classic symptoms of ringworm in cats include hairless skin lesions that typically appear on the head, ears and forelimbs. Ringworm can cause flaky bald patches that sometimes look red in the center. If you notice any circular bald patches on your foster, please reach to one of the below listed King Street Cats Veterinary Authorization contact (Vivien, Helen or Lorraine) to request a vet appointment at Fort Hunt Animal Hospital. Ringworm is contagious to humans and other pets and is treated by with antifungal creams or liquids. Humans may purchase over the counter athlete's foot cream to treat ringworm; however please do not put this on your foster as they will likely ingest the cream trying to clean themselves. While you are waiting for your vet appointment, you are welcome to put a little bit of apple cider vinegar on a cotton ball and apply to the bald area on your foster. Apple cider vinegar has proven effective in treating ringworm and is safe to use on your foster.

6. Kitten mortality

- Despite the best efforts at emergency care, proper nutrition, attention to cleanliness, correct diagnostic and medical treatment, and detailed record keeping, sadly some kittens do die. The death of a kitten can be an emotionally disturbing experience for a fosterer who has cared for the kitten. It is important to understand and accept that some kittens will not survive. What we can do for these kittens, is surround them with warmth and care, and make their passing as comfortable as possible.

******With the health concerns of fostering a new mom and/or kittens, KSC highly recommends that you separate fosters from your own pets to ensure the general well-being of your pets******



King Street Cats Contacts

- ❑ Foster Care Coordination and General Questions
 - Contact for KSC team members to be given after orientation.
 - General questions can be directed to contact@kingstreetcats.org
- ❑ Emergencies and Vet Authorization
 - Contact information for on-call KSC team members will be given after orientation.

King Street Cats Primary Vets (Call KSC First for Authorization)

Fort Hunt Animal Hospital
(703) 360-6100
1900 Elkin St.
Alexandria, VA 22308

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday (*Emergency Appts Only*) 7:30 am to 12:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Hayfield Animal Hospital
(703) 971-2127
7724 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:30 am to 12:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Emergency 24-hour Hospital (Call KSC First for Authorization)

Columbia Pike Animal Hospital
(703) 256-8414
4205 Evergreen Lane
Annandale, VA 22003

PLEASE COORDINATE ALL VISITS WITH KING STREET CATS.
KSC WILL NOT PAY FOR VET VISITS THAT WERE NOT AUTHORIZED.