

Online Orientations & an On-Deck System

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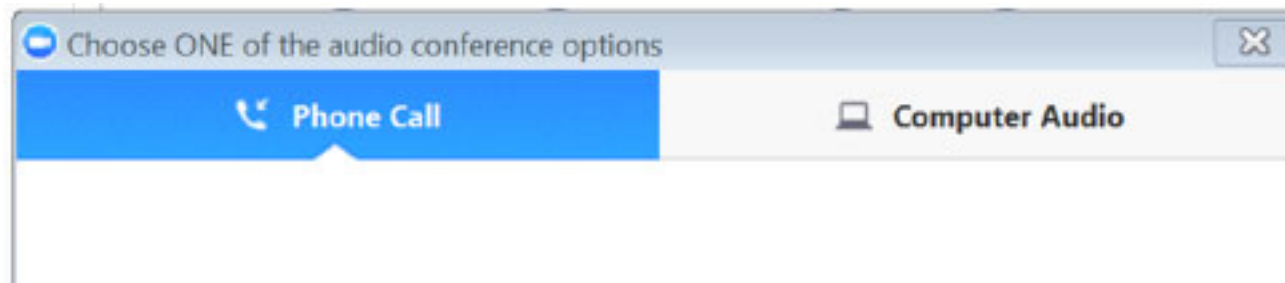
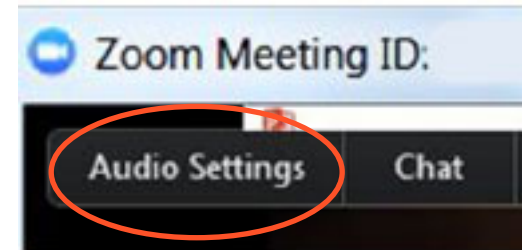


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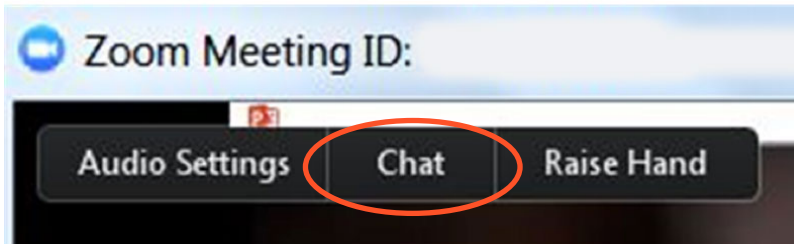
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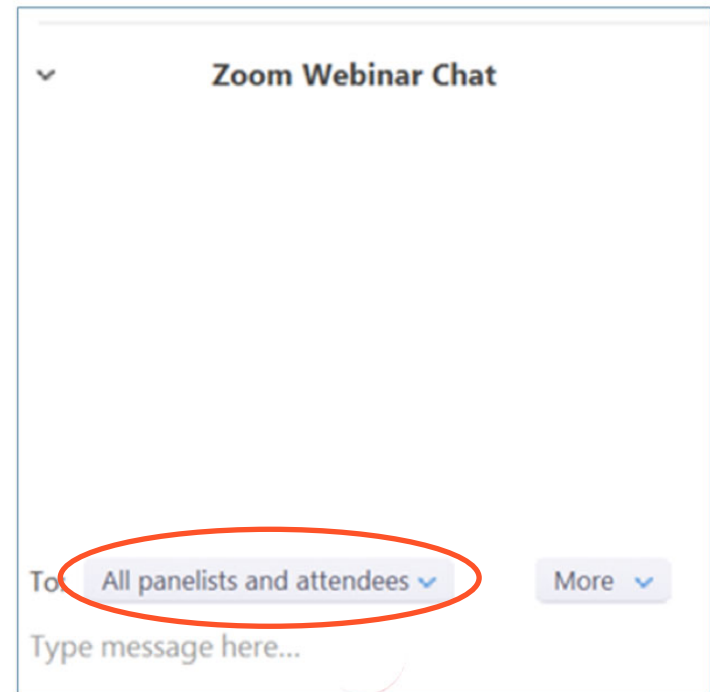
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Today's Presenter

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How to Leverage
Online
Orientations to
Get More Fosters in
the Door

and an **On-Deck**
System to Keep
Them Active



Agenda

- ASPCA LA Foster Program overview
- Online Foster Orientations
- “On-Deck” Foster System
- Q&A



ASPCA LA Foster Program

In 15 months, we have cared for more than 1,500 kittens and cats from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center with over 200 active foster volunteers. In our first 8 months of the program (April – December 2017) we helped increase the Animal Care Center's kitten live releases by 88%.

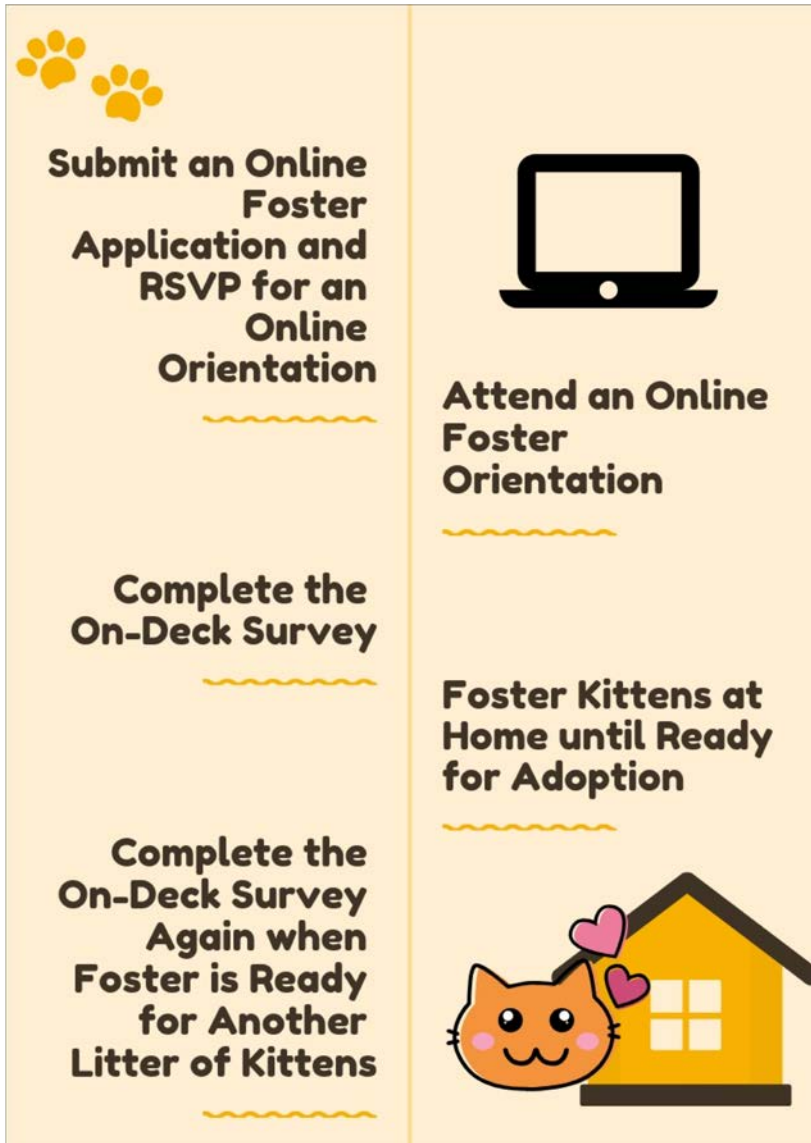
What we don't have:

- Adoption center
- On-site clinic
- Centralized community of supporters
- Time to launch

What we do have:

- No traditional constraints
- Resources
- Low-hanging fruit
- What do you have?

Journey of a Foster Volunteer



Foster Homepage



Apply Now and Save a Life!

[Apply Now](#)

Why We Urgently Need Your Help

From April through November, there is an influx of kittens in Los Angeles County Shelters, and the ASPCA needs fosters who can help us save these vulnerable lives. Kitten fosters provide care and support to kittens until they are old enough to be adopted or receive a life-saving relocation to an area where they have a better chance of adoption.

Throughout the entire year, we are also pulling adult cats out of the shelters to help them get healthy and ready for adoption. There are always more kittens and cats in need than fosters available. You can make a big difference by [fostering these vulnerable animals](#), only for a couple weeks, and helping to spread the word about your experience to other prospective foster parents.

We provide all the food, supplies and medical services, as well as all the support you can ask for—all we need from you is TLC. Fostering saves lives!

How to Become a Foster

To get started, [please complete the online application today](#). In the application, you will need to RSVP for an upcoming virtual information session where you will learn everything you need to know about our program and ask any questions you may have.

Foster Eligibility Requirements

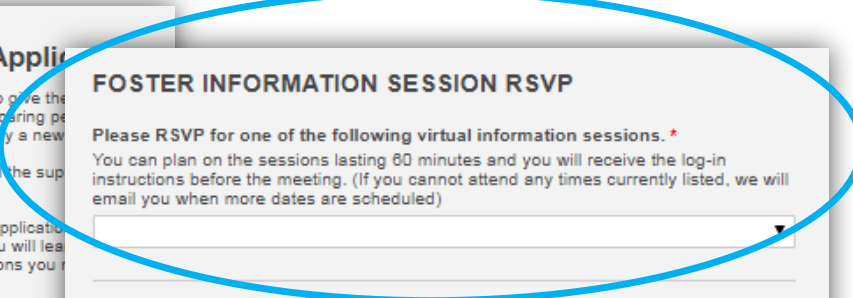
We have some basic requirements. All fosters must:

- Be 18 years or older.
- Be willing and able to take your fosters to follow-up veterinary appointments every 2-3 weeks.
- Keep your foster pets separate from household pets for two weeks in a spare room. If this is not possible, we will

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Online Application

Tool: Smartsheet



Los Angeles ASPCA Foster Caregiver Application

We need your help saving Los Angeles's cats and kittens! In order to give the friends the best possible chance for a happy life, the ASPCA needs caring people who will look after the kittens and cats until they are ready to be adopted by a new family.

We provide all the food, supplies and medical services, as well as all the support you can ask for—all we need from you is TLC.

To get started, please complete the online application today. In the application, you will need to RSVP for an upcoming virtual information session where you will learn everything you need to know about our program and ask any questions you may have.

FOSTER INFORMATION SESSION RSVP

Please RSVP for one of the following virtual information sessions. *

You can plan on the sessions lasting 60 minutes and you will receive the log-in instructions before the meeting. (If you cannot attend any times currently listed, we will email you when more dates are scheduled)

If you are fostering or have recently fostered, please provide the name of the organization and additional details about the foster pets *

How did you hear about the ASPCA Foster Caregiver Program? *

- ☐ CatCon
- ☐ Kitten Lady
- ☐ Pet Collective
- ☐ ASPCA Facebook/Twitter/Instagram Page
- ☐ ASPCA Email
- ☐ Google Search
- ☐ Friend/Family Member
- ☐ Social Media (Not ASPCA Page)
- ☐ In The News/Media
- ☐ Other

If Other, please explain

☐ Send me a copy of my responses

Submit

Online Foster Orientations

Best Benefits:

-They don't have to make a commitment before investigating further

-Much easier for people to attend

Disadvantages:

-We have yet to find one!

Tool: Zoom

Length: 60 minutes plus Q&A

What does the ASPCA provide for fosters?

- All Medical Care
- Food
- Supplies
- Support
- Cat and Kitten I



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Are You Ready to Foster?

- Agreement within the household
- Prepare & "pet-proof" your home
 - Isolation room
 - remove hazards
 - block hiding spots



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Please Be Advised

Even with thorough veterinary screening, some contagious conditions, such as ringworm and certain parasites, may not be detected prior to the start of a foster period. The ASPCA cannot guarantee the health of any Foster animals.

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Online Foster Orientations

Sample Online Foster Orientation Deck shared in the Facebook Group and on ASPCAPro

Basic Care Guidelines

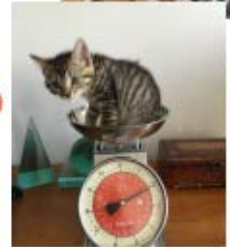
Transitioning Kittens (3-5 weeks)

- Start introducing gruel (wet food mixed with water or KMR)
- Bottle feeding might still be necessary
- Start to leave dry food and water out
- Start leaving litter box out



Eating on their own Kittens (4+ weeks)

- Leave dry food and water out
- Wet food 3x daily
- Gaining weight (aiming for 2 lbs)
- Lots of socialization!



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How to Set-Up Your Fosters' Home

- Litter box (clean often!)
- Dishes with dry food and water (24/7 access)
- Newspaper as kennel bottom in litter/food area
- Cardboard carrier on its side as hiding spot/bed
- Separate sleeping area, litter area and feeding area as best as possible



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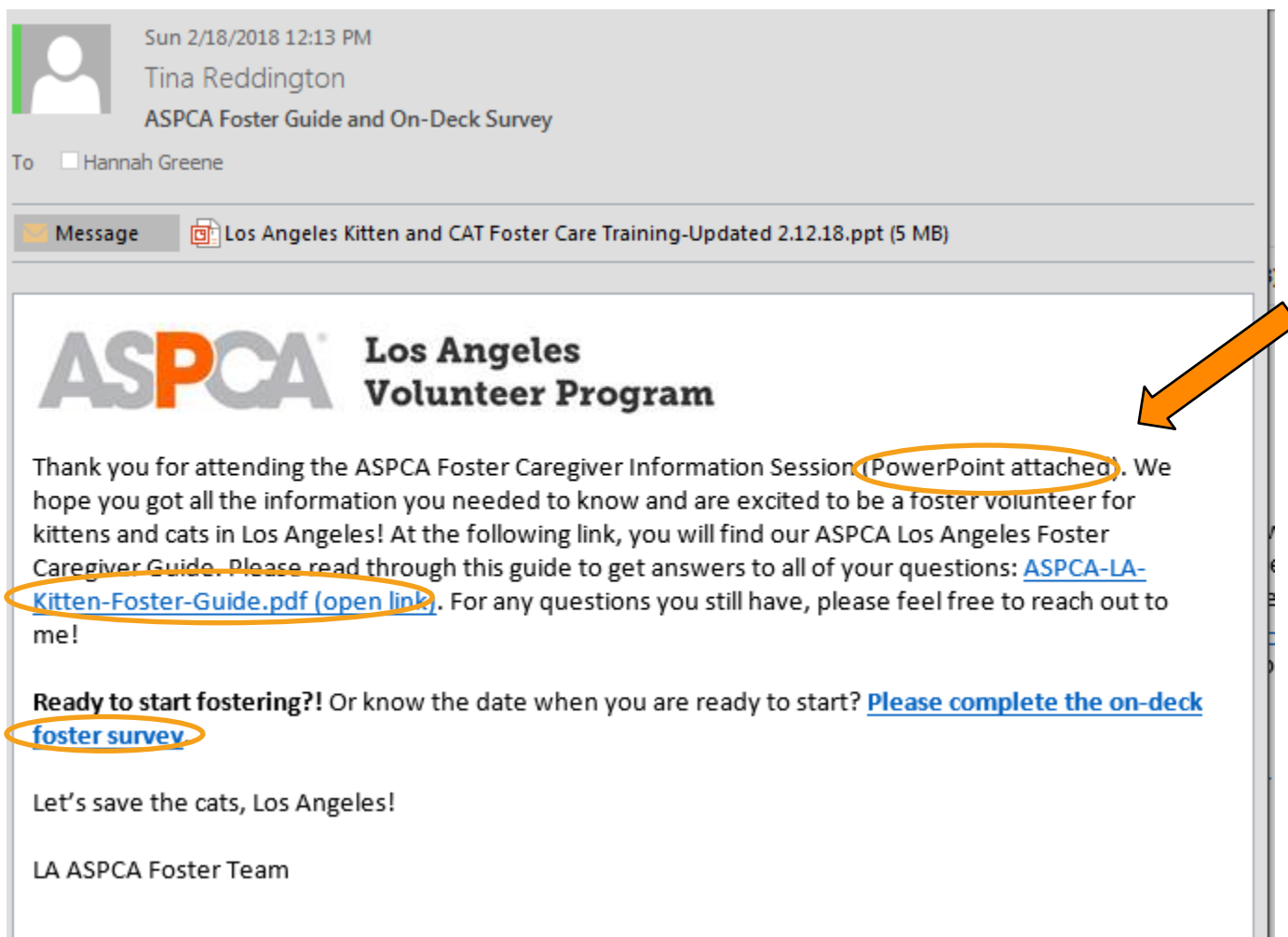
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Online Foster Orientations

- Zoom, zoom.us
 - Free but calls are restricted to 40 minutes
 - ~\$180/year
- Adobe Connect
- <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/video-conferencing> (Free!)
- [Join.me](https://join.me) (~\$240/year)
- <https://www.eztalks.com/> (Free!)

Next Steps



On-Deck Foster Process

First Name *

Last Name *

Phone *

Email *

What is the best way to contact you? *

☐ Text ☐ Email ☐ Phone Call

What is the first date you can start to foster? *

Approximately how long can you commit to fostering? *
Please list any upcoming scheduling conflicts we should know about.

FOSTER CARE PREFERENCES
I would prefer to foster (check all that apply):

☐ Kittens (4-8 weeks old)
☐ Juvenile and Adult Cats (6 months to 7 years old)
☐ Mom with babies (must have bottle feeding experience)

How many kittens or cats are you willing and able to foster at one time? *
Please consider taking between 2-4 kittens. Most adult cats will come solo.

**Are you willing to foster cats who have an Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)?
Basic home care needed. ***
This is just like a human cold and is not contagious to yourself or dogs in the home.
Other cats can catch this but if their immune system is good and they are up to date on vaccines they should be okay.

Are you willing to foster cats who have Ringworm? 6 weeks of medical care needed. *

Ringworm is contagious to humans and pets in the home but we provide important protocols that will prevent disease spread. Oral medication and medicated baths will be needed while the cat stays in your home. Please, do not foster ringworm cats if there are children or senior pets in the home.

Please describe your experience with bottle-feeding kittens or kittens under 8 weeks old? *

Do you have any medical or behavioral experience with cats or kittens? *

Which veterinary clinic location is most convenient for you to take your kittens to for their check-ups?

Only Downey, South LA, Baldwin Park and Burbank are available for spay/neuter surgeries.

HOME ENVIRONMENT AND FOSTER SUPPLIES

Can you provide a small, secured space for a 2 week quarantine period for your foster cats? The space must safely contain the foster pet and be easy to disinfect such as a spare bathroom. *

If not, a playpen can be provided

Do you have other pets in the home? What types and how will you be able to keep them separated? *

What supplies do you need?

Please note you must provide bedding (towels and blankets) and food/water bowls

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On-Deck Foster Process

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On-Deck Foster Process (and online application)

- Smartsheet (~\$170/year)
- Airtable (Free!)
- Google Forms (Free!)

Electronic Foster Waivers/Agreements:

- DocuSign: <https://go.docusign.com/cobranded/4/impact/>
(~\$210)
- all roughly (~\$120/year)
 - <https://eversign.com/pricing>
 - <https://www.esigngenie.com>
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Questions?



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