

FOSTER CHEAT SHEET

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 601-310-8248



FADING PROTOCOL

Fading is a life-threatening emergency in which a kitten or puppy "crashes" and begins to fade away. If your foster animal is unresponsive or lethargic, start fading protocol before calling the emergency phone at 601-310-8248.

CAUSES:

- Hypothermia (being too cold)
- Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)
- Dehydration

SYMPTOMS:

- Low body temperature (paws, gums, nose, and/or belly feel cold to the touch)
- Extreme lethargy (not getting up, unable to stand or keep head up, not responding when pet)
- Gasping for breath
- Meowing/crying out

STEP 1: GET THEM WARM

Create a "burrito" with a blanket or towel so only the animal's face is exposed. Wrap the burrito in a heating pad on low. Avoid unwrapping to keep heat in.

STEP 2: GET THEIR BLOOD SUGAR UP

Administer three drops of Karo syrup, sugar water, honey, or maple syrup with no artificial sweeteners to the kitten's tongue or gums with a syringe, your finger, or cotton swab EVERY THREE MINUTES. Do not force them to swallow.

STEP 3: BE PATIENT

It can take hours for an animal to perk up. Once they seem back to normal, wait 30 minutes to feed them a warm meal.

IS IT AN EMERGENCY?

- Congestion, runny nose or eyes, other mild upper respiratory symptoms?
- Hair loss or skin lesions?
- Fleas, worms present in stool?
- Cats not using the litter box?
- Adoption questions?

Call the shelter during business hours, send an email, or set up a Foster Recheck appointment at cutt.ly/FosterSchedule

URGENT

- Diarrhea?
- Vomiting?
- Minor injuries with minimal bleeding?
- An animal under 6 weeks old not eating?
- An animal over 6 weeks old not eating for 24 hours?

Call the shelter during business hours. If condition worsens after hours, call 601-310-8248

EMERGENCY

- Unresponsive, extreme lethargy (start fading protocol)?
- Cold to the touch?
- Difficulty breathing?
- An animal under 6 weeks vomiting 3 or more times?
- Lost foster?
- Bite that has broken skin?
- Severe injury?
- Ingestion of toxic substances
- Male cat unable to urinate call ASAP!

Call the shelter if during business hours. If after hours or no answer, call <u>601-310-</u> <u>8248</u> ASAP





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TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS!

Get a good head and body shot and try various locations!

WRITE A GREAT BIO!

Use positive languages to highlight your foster!

GET CREATIVE!

Promote your foster on social media and try new trends! then you can take photos like this!



SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS AND BIOS HERE:



Thank you so much for fostering with us! Your work helps us save hundreds of animals every year. Fostering is not always easy, but your work is very important. We could not do this without you!

FEEDING GUIDELINES

View our feeding guidelines below to ensure that your fosters are getting the appropriate amount of nutrition based on their age and weight!





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