

# <ORGANISATION> Foster Carer Application Form - Kittens

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## Applicant Details

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where the pet will be living: \_\_\_\_\_

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In some cases the responsibility of caring for kittens is shared with another person within one household. If so, please include the name and contact details of this person:

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## Living Arrangements

What type of dwelling with the foster kitten be living in? (tick)  Apartment  
 House  
 Acreage  
 Other

Are you presently employed?  
If yes, please advise your work schedule  
(full time, part time, casual):

Your position?

Employers name and contact details:

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Reference #1 Name:

Reference #2 Name:

Relationship:

Relationship:

Phone number:

Phone number:

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### Living Arrangements

**Do you have your own transport (y/n):** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(It is sometimes necessary for kittens who have fallen ill to be taken to one of our vets ASAP (this includes out of normal business hours). Although it is not absolutely necessary to have your own transport to foster our kittens, it is important for us to know your transport circumstances if such an occasion arises.)*

**Do you live in a shared house? (i.e. persons other than your own family)? (y/n):** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, are all the other residents happy for you to foster kittens? (y/n):** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(You may consider it a private decision to foster kittens in your own room but from experience we know it is essential for everyone in the household to give you permission to foster kittens.)*

**Is your home 'cat and kitten-proof' (or capable of being 'cat and kitten-proof')? (y/n):** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(eg secure flyscreens on windows and doors – we can provide you with lots of useful tips on how to ensure your home is a safe, secure place to foster kittens)*

**Where in the home will the kittens mainly be kept?:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*(It is extremely important kittens have a safe enclosed area for sleeping and for during playtimes when they are not being supervised. Ideally, this is a spare room or an area in your home that is not accessible by small children or other animals. All outdoor areas are unsuitable, including sheds etc)*

**Do you give us permission to conduct a house inspection?:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(We have a duty of care to our cats and kittens wherever they are situated, this includes foster homes)*

**Are there any other animals living at your home? (yes/no):** \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what kind, how many

**and are they desexed?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If there are other cats in the household, are they up-to-date with their vaccinations?:**

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*(If you wish to foster our kittens it will be a requirement for you to present to us veterinary receipts relating to the vaccination of other cats in the household. Up-to-date vaccination protects both our kittens and your own cats)*

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### Experience Experience

Have you, other persons or other animals in your household ever had ringworm? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when and how are you certain the infection is no longer present?: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(In the context of a private household, ringworm infection is a minor inconvenience. But in a shelter environment (such as our cattery) where cats are kept at a higher density, infection of a single cat can rapidly lead to an outbreak, which can be extremely costly, difficult to manage and have a significant impact on re-homing capacity. In some cases, it can even lead to euthanasia. It is vital, therefore, that our foster kittens/cats do not enter homes where ringworm has been present unless it is certain that there is no longer any risk of transmission.)*

How much time each day can you dedicate to socialising the kittens (playing, nursing etc)?:

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Have you ever fostered kittens before? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who for, approximately how many times and what year?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Most litters range from between 3-7 kittens. How many kittens would you be prepared to foster at any one time?: \_\_\_\_\_

If you haven't previously fostered kittens before, have you ever had first-hand experience at raising a kitten?: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, from what age was the kitten(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Experience

Are there any children living in the home?: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many and how old

are they?: \_\_\_\_\_

*(In most cases, it is of enormous benefit for kittens to have exposure to children, although sometimes we do take in kittens/cats who are so timid that a home without children would be preferred)*

How much time each day can you dedicate to socialising the kittens (playing, nursing etc)?:

Most litters range from between 3-7 kittens. How many kittens would you be prepared to foster at

any one time?: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to provide midday feeds? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

*(Very young kittens need carers who are not working fulltime or who can come home to provide midday feeds)*

The age of kittens we receive generally ranges from 3-8 weeks. The younger they are, the more frequently they need to be fed and for very young kittens this may include around the clock bottle feeding. Below is a general guide to the different age stages of feeding requirements.

Based on your previous experience and your ability and willingness to meet their requirements, please 'tick' the age range of kittens you'd be able care for:

3-4 week old kittens normally require bottle feeding every 4 hours around the clock

4-5 week old kittens normally are able to eat on their own and require feeding 4-5 times a day

5-6 week old kittens are able to eat on their own and require feeding 3-4 times a day

6-8 week old kittens are able to eat on their own and require feeding 3 times a day

At times we need carers who can foster a mother cat and her babies. In these circumstances it is preferable that the mother and her kittens are provided with their own room (as opposed to simply a secured area that might be suitable for kittens alone). This is because mother cats are normally very protective and anxious about the safety of their babies. Would you be willing to foster a mother cat and her kittens and do you have a single secure room that you could provide for them?

Would you be willing to allow pre-screened potential adopters visit the foster kitten at your home if

a prior appointment is made with you? (y/n): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to allow a rescue group representative to visit your home at a mutually

agreed upon time? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Experience

Please indicate which, if any, of the below you may be willing to provide for your foster kitten? While our group endeavours to support all our volunteer carers to the best of our ability, any assistance carers can in provide with respect to nutritional or veterinary care for foster animals is always greatly appreciated:

- food
- parasite prevention (eg worming tablets or flea prevention)
- basic veterinary care (other than emergency care, which is covered by <Organisation Name> where required)

Do you have any comments you wish to make?: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Declaration

By submitting this questionnaire, you agree that ALL the information you have provided is correct. You understand that providing untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application can result in the refusal of this adoption.

By submitting this application, you agree to allow our representative to contact the referees/references you have provided. You understand that in some instances a property check will be required.

We reserve the right to refuse any applicant.

Signed (applicant): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (rescue): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. You will be contacted once we have had the opportunity to review the information you have provided.*