



ORPHANED KITTEN  
**BABY BAG**  
PROTOCOL



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# THANK YOU

Thank you for fostering for Charleston Animal Society. On the following pages of this brochure are the contents found in your Baby Bag. You will find that we have instructed you on how to use the following.

If you have any questions regarding the contents please email our Foster Coordinators at [foster@charlestonanimalsociety.org](mailto:foster@charlestonanimalsociety.org) or call **843.329.1543**. If you have an after hours emergency, please call **843.270.9085**. If you're simply looking for more information, many helpful videos for caring for kittens can be found at the website below.

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[www.maddiesfund.org/orphaned-kitten-care-how-to.htm](http://www.maddiesfund.org/orphaned-kitten-care-how-to.htm)



**Heating Disc:** Used in place of microwavable rice socks. Heating discs provide warmth to your foster kitten for up to 6 hours! Place in microwave for 1 minute per hour. Do not exceed more than 6 minutes.

*Note: Always disinfect your heating disc with diluted bleach (1 part bleach to 32 parts water).*

**Rice Socks:** Heat in microwave for 1-2 minutes. Do not exceed 2 minutes. Rice will provide heat for 1-2 hours.

Throw away rice after each foster kitten(s) as they can not be properly sanitized.

**Gloves:** For cleaning your foster kitten's litter box and/or for taking kitten's temperature. See Thermometer. In case of allergies, you may consult with the foster coordinators for non-latex gloves.

## Bathing Your Kitten



**Dawn Dish Detergent:** You may bathe your kitten with Dawn to clean him/her. Please watch “How to Bathe Your Foster Kitten” before beginning, which can be found at the beginning of the manual. You may be directed to bathe kitten in Dawn Dish detergent if you have noticed fleas on your kitten. You can use the provided flea comb to comb out fleas. Note: Kittens under 8 weeks of age are too young for flea prevention.

**Wash Cloths:** For cleaning your foster kitten. See Dawn Dish Soap.

**Flea Comb:** For cleaning/de-fleaing your foster kitten. See Dawn Dish Soap

**Baby Wipes:** Baby wipes can be used in place of giving the kitten(s) a bath. Gently wipe the kitten down with the wipe. Baby wipes can be used to help stimulate the kitten to urinate or defecate or clean up after feeding time.

## Kitten Formula



Neonatal kittens and unweaned kittens should only be given formulated kitten milk replacer. Cow and goat's milk can be too rich for their digestive tract and may cause diarrhea.

In your baby bag you will find PetAg Kitten Milk Replacer. Depending on the age and health of the kitten(s) you will be given powder or liquid formula.

**Formula-Mixing instructions for Powdered KMR:** Gently shake or stir 1 part formula to 2 parts warm water (a part could be 1 teaspoon, 1 tablespoon or 1 cup). It is recommended to only make what you will need for the day.

**Storage Information:** Reconstituted formula must be kept refrigerated and discarded after 24 hours. Opened powder will keep for three months if refrigerated.

## Syringes



**1-3mL syringe:** May be used for medications given to you by Foster Recheck Personnel or Foster Coordinators.

Note: May be used with Miracle Nipple\* for feedings. \*If your foster kitten is having trouble nursing from bottle and/or syringe the Foster Coordinator will provide a Miracle Nipple.

**2-1mL syringe:** May be used for medications given to you by Foster Recheck Personnel or Foster Coordinators.

*Note: May be used for feeding your kitten and may be used with Miracle Nipple\* for feedings.*

*\*If your foster kitten is having trouble nursing from bottle and/or syringe the Foster Coordinator will provide a Miracle Nipple.*

**Liquid Formula:** simply pour into bottle or container for bottle or syringe feedings.

**Storage Information:** Store unopened formula in a cool, dry place. Opened formula can be used within 72 hours, after that discard any leftover formula. Yes, it can be frozen! Freeze in single serving containers such as an ice tray or small tupperware container for up to 6 weeks.

## Nursing Bottle



In your baby bag you will find one Nursing Bottle for Neonatal kittens. Kittens from 1 day to 4 1/2 weeks will need to be bottle fed. Your bottle will already have an opening for feeding.

*Note: Do not make the opening of the bottle's nipple any larger. Large openings in nursing bottle may cause choking/aspiration.*

## Karo Syrup



Karo Syrup can be given to your foster kitten (up to 1 mL ) if he/she appears to be lethargic. It is used for hypoglycemia.

*Note: Do not give without permission from Foster Coordinator.*

**Instructions:** To be given when a kitten is showing signs of hypoglycemia or “crashing”. The kitten will be depressed, lethargic and uninterested in eating. You will want to administer by applying a 1/2 -inch bead of Karo Syrup on finger, rub along the outer gums (both upper and lower lips) and then apply the remainder down the center of tongue. If you do not see any improvements then apply another 1/2-inch bead in the same way.

Once the kitten is responding you will want to take the kitten's temperature to see if you can feed the kitten. If the kitten is below 98 degrees, you will need to warm the kitten with rice socks and/ or heating disc. If the kitten is over 98 degrees you will want to feed the kitten to stabilize his/her blood sugar.

## Scale



Weighing your foster kitten is crucial! Kitten's weight is an accurate way to determine your foster kitten's health. You can keep track of your kitten's weight by using the Daily Weight and Feeding Record found in your Foster Care Guide on page 12.

## Thermometer / Alcohol / Lubricant



Use the gloves provided in baby bag when taking kitten's temperature. The thermometer will need to be inserted 1-inch into the kitten's rectum using sterile thermometer lubricant found in the baby bag.

A kitten's temperature should range between 100.0-102.6°F. Kittens with a temperature below 98 degrees Fahrenheit will need to be warmed immediately using rice socks and/or heating disc. Check kitten's temperature after 20-30 minutes after warming, if kitten's temperature is not above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit contact the Foster Coordinators or if after hours call the after-hours emergency phone number.

Apply small amount of Petroleum Jelly to the tip of thermometer before inserting in kitten's rectum (see thermometer for instructions for use).

Use an Alcohol Pad to clean the thermometer after each use.

## Pedialyte

Unflavored Pedialyte can be used in place of water for kitten's milk replacement. You may also give your foster kitten Pedialyte if he/she appears to be dehydrated/lethargic.



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