Feeding Guidelines (kittens 6+ weeks old)

Thank you for fostering! The information provided below will get you and your kitten(s) off to a great start. Please let us know if you ever have any concerns or questions.

AID	Name	Description	Today's Weight

Feeding Instructions:

Water must be <u>easily accessible</u> at all times. Please use a moderately shallow bowl (kittens should be able to easily reach head over lip of bowl to drink). Verify water is clean daily.

Dry: Free feed kitten kibble or 1/8 cup 3x a day

Wet: 1/4 - 5.5oz can or 1/2 - 3oz can of wet food, <u>3 times a day</u> (per kitten). All uneaten wet food should be thrown out at your next feeding.

Special feeding information:

- Social eater
- Add 1-2 tbsp. of water to wet food
- Prefers fish based wet foods
- Prefers poultry based wet foods
- Prefers gravy wet food

•	Prefers pate
•	Other:
•	Currently eating:

Weighing Instructions:

Kittens should be weighed every day to every other day. If you do not have a kitchen scale and are able to purchase one please do so, this is an essential tool when fostering. Please call the foster phone if anyone stops eating for more than 24 hours. Not eating means = not thriving. 919-630-9680

Kittens should gain 4oz per week. That's roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce per day.

4 week old kitten = 1 lb (16 ounces) 8 week old kitten = 2 lb (32 ounces)

*Kittens' sizes may vary if they were malnourished upon arrival but kittens should never lose weight or go more than a day without gaining any weight. If your kitten loses weight or does not gain weight in 24 hours, please contact us to set up a sick appointment.

Remember to avoid sudden food changes as this can lead to vomiting/diarrhea.

Let us know <u>immediately</u> if you notice any of the following:

- Not eating
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting (notify us immediately)
- Sneezing/coughing
- Discharge from eyes or nose

- Excessive crying
- Not playing with siblings
- Lethargy
- Limping
- Any abnormal behavior
- weight loss