

**Purpose:** Thorough and consistent intake screening of potential kitten candidates for Foster program.

**Biosecurity – Prevent Fomite Disease Transmission:**

- Always wear gloves when handling kittens
- Change gloves between litters
- Do not hold kittens against clothing
- Use a towel on intake exam table when intake processing litters and replace towel between litters
- Thoroughly disinfect intake exam table, stethoscope, weight scale, etc., between litters

**Equipment needed for intake processing:**

- Scale
- Stethoscope
- Pyrantel (Strongid)
- Ponazuril (Marquis)
- Revolution
- Nitenpyram (Capstar)
- Praziquantel (Droncit)
- Identaband
- Microchip and Scanner
- Thermometer with probes & lubricant
- 1 & 3cc syringes
- Functional
  - Tablet
  - ASPCA medical intake form

**Medical Treatments on Intake for Each Kitten AT or OVER 1 lb who appear to be at least 4 weeks of age\*:**

\*If at least one cat in the litter is over 15.5 ounces, perform the following on all kittens

Treatment	Requirement	Dose/Duration	Route
Wood’s Lamp Exam	Required	Once (performed in complete darkness)	NA
Identaband	Required	Once and remove before sending to foster	NA
Weigh	Required	Once in ounces	NA
Physical Examination	Required	Once	NA
Modified Live Virus (MLV) FVRCP	Required	Once	Subcutaneously
Ponazuril (Marquis)	Required	Once at intake and repeated once daily for additional 2 days - refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Orally
Pyrantel pamoate (Strongid)	Required	Once at intake - refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Orally
Microchip	Required	Once	Subcutaneously
Revolution	Required	Refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Topically
Nitenpyram (Capstar)	Optional if visible fleas present	Refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Orally
Praziquantel (Droncit)	Optional if tapeworms present	Refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Subcutaneously
Probiotics	Required	Send home a strip of 5 Provable capsules or 3 Fortiflora packets with foster and include RX label with directions to give once daily sprinkled on food	Orally (by foster)

**Intake Processing Procedure for Kittens 1lb+ Accepted into Foster Program:**

- 1) If kittens meet Foster program criteria, Foster Program RVT will complete the following intake processing steps for each kitten in the litter:
  - a) Take a digital photo and label with individual impound number
  - b) Scan for a microchip
  - c) Perform Wood’s lamp exam & document on medical intake form
  - d) Affix Identaband for exam (and remove before sending to foster)

- e) Weigh in ounces
  - f) Offer wet kitten food and ensure patient is eating on its own
  - g) Perform physical exam & assess
    - i) Determine sex
    - ii) Determine age based on weight and teeth eruption
    - iii) Attitude
    - iv) Hydration status
    - v) Determine body condition score
    - vi) Coat & Skin
    - vii) Eyes/Ears/Nose/Mouth/Teeth/Mucus Membrane Color
    - viii) Heart/Lungs
    - ix) Abdomen
    - x) Anus/Genitals
    - xi) Muscle Tone/Ambulation
    - xii) Obtain body temperature (normal range: 99-102.5°F)
  - h) Vaccinate with MLV FVRCP
  - i) Deworm
    - i) Ponazuril
    - ii) Pyrantel pamoate
  - j) Insert microchip & scan for confirmation
  - k) Apply Revolution flea prevention lastly
  - l) Administer Nitenpyram (Capstar) if live fleas present
  - m) Administer Praziquantel (Droncit) if tapeworms present
- 2) Document exam findings & microchip information on paperwork as noted above
  - 3) Place kittens into sanitized multi-compartment housing unit with bedding, food and litter until they are moved to a foster home

**Medical treatments for kittens > 1 lb and 4 weeks of age or older AFTER INITIAL INTAKE:**

Every 2 weeks until 20 weeks of age:

- Pyrantel
- MLV FVRCP vaccine (even if signs of URI present)
- Physical examination

Every 4 weeks:

- Revolution

**Medical treatments for cats over 5 months (including queens) after initial intake:**

On their 2-week recheck:

- MLV FVRCP booster (next vaccine should be given in 1 year)
- Pyrantel deworming (this will be the last routine pyrantel deworming)
- Physical examination

On their 4-week recheck:

- Revolution applied
- Physical examination

Rechecks performed every 4 weeks thereafter unless medical examination needed prior:

- Revolution
- Physical examination
  - If adult cat is in foster for prolonged period and does not need regular examinations, Revolution can be sent home with foster to be applied every 4 weeks

**Medical Treatments on Intake for Each Kitten UNDER 1 lb who appear to be younger than 4 weeks of age:\***

\*If all cats in the litter are UNDER 15.5 ounces, follow the directions below depending on kitten's age

Treatment	When	Dose/Duration	Route
<b>Wood's Lamp Exam</b>	Required on intake	Once	NA
<b>Identaband</b>	Required on intake	Once and remove before sending to foster	NA
<b>Weigh</b>	Required on intake	Once in ounces	NA
<b>Physical Examination</b>	Required on intake	Once	NA
<b>Ponazuril (Marquis)</b>	At 2 weeks of age (once eyes open)	Once at intake and repeated once daily for additional 2 days - refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Orally
<b>Pyrantel pamoate (Strongid)</b>	At 2 weeks of age (once eyes open)	Once at intake - refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Orally
<b>Revolution</b>	-1 drop on intake if fleas present -Full dose at 4 weeks of age	Refer to program veterinarian for dosing	Topically
<b>Probiotics</b>	Optional pending program veterinarian discretion	Send home a strip of 5 Provable capsules or 3 Fortiflora packets with foster and include RX label with directions to give once daily sprinkled on food or in bottle with kitten milk replacer	Orally (by foster)

**Medical treatments for kittens < 1 lb and younger than 4 weeks old AFTER INITIAL INTAKE:**

Once kittens are 2 weeks old (eyes open):

- Ponazuril x 3 days
- Pyrantel once
- Physical examination
- One drop of Revolution if fleas are present

Once they are 4 weeks old:

- Modified Live Virus (MLV) FVRCP vaccination should begin at 4 weeks of age
- All required treatments noted above in the "Medical Treatments on Intake for Each Kitten AT or OVER 1lb who appear to be at least 4 weeks of age" Protocol
  - Excluding ponazuril (unless diarrhea is present)