Kitten Intake Processing – LA Foster Program

December 2019

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 & 3 cc 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

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<th>Dose/Duration</th>
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<td>Required</td>
<td>Once (performed in complete darkness)</td>
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<td>Identaband</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Once and remove before sending to foster</td>
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<td>Weigh</td>
<td>Required</td>
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<td>Microchip</td>
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<td>Revolution</td>
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<td>Optional if visible fleas present</td>
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<td>Praziquantel (Droncit)</td>
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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

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### 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

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### 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

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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)