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FOSTER TO FOREVER HOME CHECKLIST

Now that you've been caring for and loving your foster kitties, how will you help get them adopted? As the foster parent, you know your cats the best, and you are our best resource in getting them into the right forever homes!

Getting kittens to adoption weight

- Continue to weigh your kittens every day and text a photo of the [Kitten Weight Record](#) on your foster group text with Cari/Kris/Heather.
- When your kittens' weights are nearing **2lbs**, Cari will let you know that it's time to schedule their spay/neuter surgeries and post them for adoption. Cari will schedule the surgery and provide instructions. For posting, go to the [Foster Resource page](#) on the CFFR website and click the "Fill out your report card here" button. Follow the template and submit your report card with bio and photos. CFFR will use that to create their Petfinder posting and we will begin to receive applications.

Note: Please ensure you will be available to respond to potential adopters and schedule adoption interviews/visits when your kitten/cat is posted for adoption! We cannot post them if you are not available.

Note: Any time you have completed a round of medication for your fosters, please text or email the completed [Foster Medication Logs](#) immediately to Cari/Kris/Heather, as these **must** be included in every kitten/cat's final medical record/adoption packet. Adoption packets cannot be sent out without these!

Finding the best adopter for your foster kitten/cat

- When CFFR posts your fosters on Petfinder.com for adoption, the first step for all potential adopters is to submit an adoption application for approval. Please refer any potential adopters to: <https://coloradofelinefosterrescue.org/adoption/adoption-application/>
- All adoption applications are pre-screened by Cari/Kris/Heather and if approved, emailed to you with any relevant notes from the initial screening. **Please respond promptly** to potential adopters asking their availability for an introduction with your foster kitten/cat. *Templates for that communication can be found [here](#). **If texting, please copy Cari/Kris/Heather. If emailing, please copy info@coloradofelinefosterrescue.org.**
- You are welcome to begin with a virtual visit to get acquainted with a potential adopter and show your kitten/cat in your home, but eventually **ALL ADOPTERS MUST MEET AT YOUR HOME IN PERSON** before you proceed with an adoption.
- Some potential adopters will respond to you right away, while others may not at all. Many adopters are looking at cats at other shelters and rescues while they are looking at yours. Proceed to schedule as many visits as you can, and feel free to let all potential adopters know that your kitten/cat is interviewing other adopters as well, so that we can find the BEST FIT. We want to be transparent about our process! Feel free to share a handy graphic of our [adoption process](#) with all adopters!

- ❑ During your visits, if you have more than one kitten, please introduce the adopter to all kittens and mama cat too. You never know how things will progress and who they may connect with.
- ❑ Feel free to introduce adopters that are adopting only one kitten and have no other pets to <https://coloradofelinefosterrescue.org/why-two-kittens-are-better-than-one/> You are not pressuring them to adopt two – only educating them as to why two kittens are usually better than one!
- ❑ At any point during your visit, if you and your adopter agree it's a good match, you may offer them the opportunity to proceed to our website and pay the appropriate adoption fees. *Templates for that communication can be found [here](#). We consider any kitty still available to other adopters until we see payment of adoption fees! <https://coloradofelinefosterrescue.org/adoption/pay-adoption-fee/>
- ❑ Once payment is received, CFFR will take over, acknowledging payment and advising the next steps via email. You will be copied every step of the way so you see things progressing.

Note: Once you've settled on an adopter, and adoption fees have been paid, please circle back with any adopters that were awaiting a visit to let them know your kitten/cat has been adopted, then refer them back to Cari/Kris/Heather and the CFFR website for other adoptable kittens/cats. Please remember to copy info@coloradofelinefosterrescue.org so we can pick up the email thread. you may offer them the opportunity to proceed to our website and pay the appropriate adoption fees. *Templates for that communication can be found [here](#).

After your adopter completes and returns their adoption paperwork

- ❑ Wait for a message from Cari or Heather to let you know the adopter's paperwork has been completed, all documents have been reviewed with them, and your kitten/cat has been cleared for pickup. **DO NOT ALLOW A CAT TO GO HOME UNTIL YOU SEE THEY HAVE BEEN CLEARED!**
- ❑ Arrange pickup time with your adopter of your kitten/cat within 48 hours after the kitten/cat has been cleared for pickup. Remind the adopter to bring carrier(s) to take the kitten/cats home in. Our recommendation: [Petmate 24"](#)
- ❑ Complete [Welcome Home Form](#) that is included in the adoption bag for each kitten/cat you are adopting. This highlights next vaccine dates (these come right off the middle of the adoption contract that Cari emails out), and the food and litter your kitten/cat has been enjoying. **Do not give the adopters any of your existing paperwork/medical records as they are not up to date.**
- ❑ Review the Welcome Home Form with the Adopter when they pick up BEFORE you give them the kitten/cat. **It is crucial they understand when next vaccines are due!**
- ❑ Return all carriers to Cari's house, and let the team know when you are available to foster again!

Last....

While it may seem sometimes like we are "all business" while you are fostering, there are 2 reasons for that:

- ❑ Fostering is meant to be fun! But keep in mind that you are helping to save tiny little lives! Kittens under 8 weeks are the most at-risk population of homeless animals in the country.
- ❑ The more kittens/cats we get adopted, the more we can rescue from dying in a shelter.

THANK YOU FOR FOSTERING!