**Diarrhea and Vomiting**

was seen today by our veterinary team for gastrointestinal problems (vomiting, diarrhea, or both). Many things can cause gastrointestinal problems, but the major causes for kittens are parasites (“worms”), stress, diet change, or infection. Below is information to help your kitten get better. Make sure you finish all medications as prescribed.

Your foster kitten had the following tests today:

* Fecal analysis float:
* Fecal analysis direct smear:
* Blood work:
* X-ray:

Please do the following for your foster kitten:

1. Keep fresh water out at all times – fluid replacement is crucial with these issues.
2. Canned food may settle better in their system, and it provides more fluids than dry food. Feed them a wet food only diet until symptoms resolve.
3. Keep the rectum and surrounding fur clean by gently washing with a warm, wet towel. You can also comb some of the stool out with the flea comb, but be gentle. If necessary, you can bathe your kitten’s bottom, but it’s important not to get the rest of their body wet and to keep them warm until they are dry. Contact your mentor if you have questions about this.
4. Bring the kitten in immediately if they are not able to keep any food down.
5. Alert the foster coordinator if the diarrhea has no form and is liquid and watery. They will advise you whether a follow-up veterinary appointment is necessary.
6. Alert the foster coordinator if there is any blood in the stool or vomit. They will help schedule a follow-up veterinary appointment if necessary.

In addition, please do the following:

* Fluids:
* Oral antibiotic:
* Monitor temperature
* Probiotic:
* Special food:
* Other medications: