

Intake Suggestions

- When possible take in litters of kittens after you have a foster family lined up to take them home. Do not have them live at your shelter in hopes that you will find a home within the next week.
- Take kittens who are healthy and close to being at-weight for surgery.
- If you have nine litters to choose from and you can only take 5 litters in that day, pick the ones that will best match the foster homes that they are going to and the ones that you think will be adopted the fastest. Take into consideration their coloring, temperament, and overall health.
- Know that you cannot save them all, and make choices that will be best for the organization and the foster parents.
- House the foster mom and kittens separately from the adult cats coming in to your shelter if you can. With under developed immune systems, the kittens should stay as far away as possible.
- Be selective with your resources. Do you have the funds to take in bottle babies? If you do not, then don't take them in. Also, be mindful of your foster families. Bottle babies will have a much higher mortality rate and that can burn out your foster homes fast.



