

# Foster Welcome Guide

Thank you so much for fostering with Animal Haven Rescue of Bay County, FL!! We could not save fur-babies in need without you! We have put together this reference guide for you.

We have created Facebook message chat groups to help get information out and questions answered quickly. You will be added to the following chats:

**Fosters Forum** – this chat is for any questions you have, to request supplies, and to share information. This is a great way to reach out to each other to ask for or give support.

**Vet Appointments** – this chat is to request scheduling of all non-emergent appointments such as, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and any non-urgent health issues. If you have an emergency, please call one of the board members immediately.

**Adoption Events** – we will let you know when an inquiry or application has been received on one of your fosters. We will either put you in a chat, email, or text message (whichever is your preference) with the potential adopter so that you can answer questions and arrange a meet and greet with the cat/kitten. Most of the time adopters meet and pick-up cats/kittens from the foster home, however, we will always respect your privacy and your preference of handling adoptions. If you are not comfortable with a potential adopter coming to your home, we will work out another option. Please always check with Melissa to make sure the adopter has paid the adoption fees before the take the cat/kitten.

These are the most used chats, but we will also have chats about fundraisers, and volunteer meetings.

Our adoptable cats/kittens are listed on our website, AHRBC.org, on our Facebook page, and on Petstablished.com. Fosters can update information on your cats/kittens on Petstablished. You can upload recent photos, update medical information, and add, or edit a description. Adopters can complete an adoption application through the website.

Kittens need to be dewormed at three weeks old, and again at five weeks old. We will provide you with the dewormer. We use Safeguard dewormer for goats and it is dosed at **.5 ml, once per day for three days to be repeated in two weeks for small kittens.**

Our veterinary clinic is –

Bay Animal Hospital  
850-763-2133  
2003 E 5th St.  
Panama City, FL 32401

Kittens should be given vaccinations around eight weeks old. If the kittens are small, then nine to ten weeks. Please message in the Vet Appointments chat when you need to schedule an appointment for vaccinations.

We use Operation Spay Bay for spays and neuters. Per our veterinarian's recommendations, we spay and neuter at six months. Please message the Vet Appointments chat when you need to schedule a spay or neuter.

Animal Haven Rescue will provide all supplies that you need for the cats/kittens you are fostering for us. If you need food, litter, flea treatments, supplements, kitten milk, pee pads, etc. please message the Fosters Forum chat.

We stay in contact daily through the chats, but we like to get together in person once every couple of months or so to discuss any issues or concerns, and brainstorm and share ideas. These volunteer meetings are usually held in the evening at a local restaurant so we can relax, have a nice meal, and enjoy each other's company.

Welcome to Animal Haven Rescue!! We are so happy to have you on board and are very thankful for all you do to help us in our mission to save abandoned, abused, or neglected fur-babies.

**Every Fur-baby Deserves a Safe Haven**