

Anna Rescues Kittens Intake Protocol

Purpose

To ensure thorough and consistent examination and preventive care for rescued kittens and cats.

*** Equipment & Supplies**

• Scale	• 1, 3, 10 cc syringes
• Stethoscope	• Kitten formula
• Pyrantel pamoate	• Blankets
• Topical Revolution (selamectin)	• Heat Source
• Panacur / Fenbendazole	• Rescue Spray/Wipes
• Identification collars	• Nitrile Gloves
• Microchip universal scanner	• Gauze, Soft Tissues, Cotton Balls, Q-Tips
• Thermometer and lubricant	• Intake form/medical record-keeping system

*** Safety and Health Precautions**

- Always wear gloves when handling kittens
- Change gloves between litters
- Wear personal protective equipment (gown, mask, hair net, etc)
- Hold kittens using soft blankets/towels
- Use a towel on intake exam table when intake processing litters and replace towel between litters
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect intake surfaces, stethoscope, weight scale, etc., between litters

*** Intake Processing Procedure**

For all kittens

- 1) Take a digital photo and label with individual identification name
- 2) Scan for a microchip if over 12+ weeks
- 3) Offer canned kitten food and water to ensure patient is eating/drinking on his own (for kittens that appear to be 4 weeks or older)
- 4) For physical examination, assess the following:
 - a. Determine sex if possible
 - b. Weight check
 - c. Determine age based on weight and teeth eruption
 - d. Attitude/Behavior
 - e. Hydration status
 - f. Coat and skin
 - g. Check Eyes/Ears/Nose/Mouth/Teeth
 - h. Check Abdomen for injury, swelling, etc
 - i. Check Anus/Genitals for injury, swelling, etc
 - j. Obtain body temperature (normal range: 99-102.5°F)
 - k. Document findings and microchip information on kitten record.
- 5) Prepare bathing station supplies
 1. Two shallow bowls
 2. Dawn dish soap or Baby Soap
 3. Two towels
 4. Pet air dryer
 5. Flea comb, Baby Brush/Toothbrush
 6. Kitten Bag of supplies to clean ears and trim nails
 7. Place kittens into sanitized kennel or room with warm bedding, food, water, and litter

For Adult Cats

- 1) Take a digital photo and label with individual identification name
- 2) Offer canned food and water to ensure patient is eating on its own
- 3) For physical examination, assess the following:
 - a. Determine sex if possible
 - b. Obtain weight if possible
 - c. Determine age based on weight and teeth eruption
 - d. Determine if cat is showing signs of illness
 - e. Attitude/Behavior
 - f. Place cat into sanitized kennel with warm bedding, food, water, and litter
 - g. Feral cats are to remain in humane traps until examined by a licensed veterinarian within 24 hours. Must clean soiled traps daily.
 - h. Schedule appointment with veterinarian to get complete exam and to scan for microchip within 24 hours.

Treatment	Requirement	Dose/Duration	Route
Wood's Lamp/Blacklight	Upon Intake	Once	In dark room
Weigh	Upon Intake	Every feeding / in grams	Kitten Scale
Pyrantel Pamoate (effective against roundworms & hookworms)	Required 4 weeks+	Upon intake/ 2 weeks later Dose at 0.1ml per lb	Orally
Panacur/Fenbendazole (effective against tapeworms, roundworms, whipworms, Giardia, and some tapeworms.)	Fecal Test Must be done by licensed veterinarian	3 consecutive days for whipworms & tapeworms; 5 days for Giardia	Orally
Topical Revolution	Kittens 4 months/ 4lbs+	once monthly	Topically

** Kittens will need to see a veterinarian for exam, FeLV/FIV testing, Fecal tested

* Medical Follow Up After Intake

Kittens < 8 weeks of age

- Bottle feeding schedule until able to eat wet canned food
- Weight check after every feeding
- Physical Examination daily
- Pyrantel Pamoate at 4 weeks
- Clean bedding daily

Kittens > 8 weeks of age

- Veterinary exam
- FDRC Kitten Booster per veterinary guidelines
- FeLV/FIV tested
- Pyrantel Pamoate

Kittens > 3 months of age

- Spay/Neuter surgery
- FDRC Kitten booster, FeLV/FIV tested, and fecal test per veterinary guidelines
- Deworming medicine per veterinary recommendation
- Rabies vaccine (16+ weeks)
- Microchipped

Adult Friendly/Social Cats > 12 months of age

- Spay/Neuter surgery
- Rabies Vaccine
- FDRC Vaccine per veterinary guidelines
- FeLV/FIV tested
- Pyrantel Pamoate
- Microchipped
- Revolution applied topically
- Post on adoption sites

Adult Feral Cats > 12 months of age

- Spay/Neuter surgery
- Rabies Vaccine
- Revolution Plus to be applied topically by veterinarian
- TNR (trap, neuter, return) if possible
- Seek out Barn home if return is not possible