
A Place For Meow Rescue

Rapid City, SD 57702

Welcome to **A Place For Meow Rescue**

We're so happy to have you join the team! This guide is meant to provide team specific information to help you get off to a great and productive start. Even if fostering is not for you, we can always use volunteers at our adoptions events, fundraising events, etc. Just ask us how you can help!

WHO WE ARE:

We are a small foster based rescue that has made an astronomical impact on the stray cat population in the Black Hills area. Although owner surrenders are very important, we try to prioritize cats and kittens that need us the most. The feral colonies need to be Trapped/Neutered/Vaccinated/Released. The kittens are typically taken into rescue to be socialized, and then placed up for adoption once they are old enough for spay/neuter. The strays are taken into rescue, vetted, and placed up for adoption if the owner is not located. Nothing leaves our care prior to being spayed or neutered.

Our mission:

We use no kill principles, TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Release), and education to save cats lives through rescue, medical aid, adoption and spay/neuter in Rapid City and the nearby areas of the Black Hills. Our focus is to make a difference in the lives of all animals that cross our path.

The team: President: Stacy Stover, Vice President: Abbee Draine, Secretary / Treasurer: Amber McMillin, 1st officer: Haley McAllister, 2nd officer: Teanna Aduddell

How we operate:

We are a foster based rescue. We do not have a facility and all of our animals are housed in separate homes. Adoption events are every Sunday. Occasionally there will be special pop-up events that will help us to get more kitties adopted.

Getting Started:

Fill out the application

(Follow the link below)

<https://forms.gle/E8fDJ3ru9Lq4o2kdA>

Submit a homecheck photo or video

Once approved:

- You will be added to group chats in Messenger
 - **Foster/Volunteer Chat:** This is a supportive chat that is helpful to ask random questions, find support or advice within the group. General chat, and get to know other fosters.
 - **Emergency Chat:** NO chit chat, strictly used for emergency help, medical advice and placement requests.
- We will provide supplies as needed
 - Food
 - Litter
 - Dewormer
 - Vaccines
 - Toys
 - Bedding
 - Medications (if we have on hand)
 - Carriers
 - Misc Items

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- Scale

Basic Kitten Care & Normal Kitten Behavior By Age:

For neonates and bottle babies:

Vaccination and Deworming Schedule:

- 6, 8, 12, 14 and 16 weeks of age
 - Vaccines must be administered on time, any late vaccinations result in having to administer more, this is costly. Please be sure to have the ability to communicate the needs or transport as needed to ensure these vaccines are timely.
- Dewormer
 - Pyrantel: Given initially at 4 weeks of age and every 2 weeks thereafter until 16 weeks of age unless they are adopted beforehand
 - Tapex Plus: (Adults) Given every 30 days as needed
 - Panacur: (Of we suspect orher parasites) Once a day for 3 - 5 consecutive days depending on what parasite is suspected

Vaccination Administration:

- Many team members are trained on vaccine administration
- You may be trained to do this if you would like.
 - Once vaccination is given the stickers from the vials must be given to Stacy ASAP

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- The names of who it was given to and the date given must be kept with the vials so it can be documented accurately.
 - We have laminated cards you can use or you can simply write the info on a piece of paper and put it in a ziplock bag with the vials.
 - Message Stacy to set up how to get them to her

Quarantine:

- We do our best to keep litters separate from other litters to prevent communicable disease from spreading.
- There will be exceptions to this if warranted.

Warnings:

Cats and kittens are often sick or have parasites upon intake. These diseases or parasites include, but are not limited to:

- Upper respiratory infections
- Ringworm
- Fleas or Lice
- Fecal parasites
- Panleukopenia (very contagious and fatal)
- FELV (Feline Leukemia)
- FIV (Feline AIDS)

Fostering is truly the work of HEROES

Please be prepared to care for these cats and kittens as if their life depends on you. It will be your responsibility to get to know the animal's behavior so you can notice if things seem off. If something seems off please notify admin immediately so they may determine what action needs to be taken next. What to watch for:

- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss (kittens should be weighed daily at about the same time)
- Fever
- Dehydration
- Snotty nose
- Runny eyes
- Persistent sneezing
- Diarrhea (this is easy to miss as it absorbs into the litter, this can be a killer so in order to catch it we weigh frequently)
- Scabs on skin
- Bald spots
- Loss of energy (Fatigue)
- Vomiting

Trello

We track our kitties through an app called Trello, Please download this App. We will add you to the Foster Board and assign your kitties to you. This way you can find your kitties easily by filtering by your name.

Trello cards include the majority of the information needed to track the care of the kitty. We ask that you try to keep the most up to date photos of your fosters. If you are not comfortable updating the info in the cards you can message Stacy and she will add the info.

It is imperative that when dewormer and vaccines are given, they get documented accurately and ASAP after administration.

Basic information on using Trello:

Trello

Download Trello onto your phone.

Easiest is to login using Google / Create a password

Open "Foster Kitties" Board

When adding a new kitty to Trello you will use the intake list.

Click “Add Card” at the bottom of the intake list (only this list will automatically populate checklists and description)

Name the card; once named and you click “Add Card” the card will auto populate with a general information list that can be filled in

You can add as much info as you want here! The more info we have about a kitty helps increase their chances of adoption!

PLEASE ADD THE DATES OF THE ACTION AS WELL AS THE TYPE OF DEWORMER AND EAR MITE TREATMENT ETC. IF IT IS NOT LISTED.

You can add photos of the kitten by clicking “attachment” You can choose which photo you want for the cover by clicking “cover”

- You can add any other comments in the “Activity” section.
- After checking the checklist categories, you can type the date of the Vaccine on the same line
- You can assign your card to yourself
- You can set “due date” notifications on cards to remind you when vaccinations or vet appointments are due.

Adoption and Adoption Events:

Kitties will not be posted to our website until they are spayed/neutered. Once an adopter fills out the application we will contact you with their information so you can set up a time for them to meet the kitty in your care (if you are comfortable allowing people to come over to meet them). Sometimes kitties are too shy for the adoption events, and don’t do well there so this may be the best way for someone to meet the kitty. If you know someone interested in adopting one of your foster kitties, they must go through the adoption process set forth by the rescue. You may not

adopt out privately. We will let you know when they are approved and whether or not they have paid the adoption fee.

We host adoption events at Petco every Sunday from 12-3. The team gets to Petco at 11 am to set up and begins to tear down at 3 pm. We have a sign-up link for fosters to sign their kitties up to take to the events. Due to the extreme numbers in our care, you must sign your kitties up in order to bring them to the event. You can also sign up to help at the event using the same link.

- [Fosters/Volunteers: Sunday Adoption Event \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)
- Label your carrier using a piece of tape and list which kitties are in each carrier

What to do if you are asked to help a cat/kitten in need:

Please reach out to admin and they will get in contact with the person in need. You may NOT take any cats/kittens into the rescue without permission from the admin team.