When you foster, you’re donating your time and resources to help a cat in need—whether it’s with medical recovery, neonatal care or adoption promotion. As a small rescue organization, we rely on the generosity of volunteers like you to provide the basic care supplies needed for our foster cats. On our end, we provide all medical care and the support you need to succeed.

**FOOD**

We recommend waiting to purchase food until you know the medical and behavioral history of your foster cat.

Cats will have different dietary needs (such as a special diet, prescription diet, or wet/dry restrictions) and it’s important to follow the feeding advice given to you.

Don’t forget that treats should be included in the daily caloric needs of your foster cat—meaning, every one counts! Too many treats will cause weight gain, so use them sparingly.

**LITTER**

The general rule is to have at least one litter box per cat.

Some cats need higher sides to prevent spraying, while other cats want a box that’s open and inviting. We recommend removing the cat flap on any enclosed litter box, and removing the hood for the first week or so.

A good-quality litter can make scooping a little easier.

Cats tend to prefer fine grain litter, about two inches deep. Cats over 4 months can use scoopable litter, while kittens should only be given a non-clumping clay litter (to prevent gastrointestinal blockages). For new cats, using a cat attractant-type litter can ease the transition into a home.

Oh, and don’t forget the scooper!

**TOYS & ENRICHMENT**

Daily enrichment is essential for indoor cats—so make sure you have toys of some kind at the ready.

While you’re more than welcome to buy fancy cat scratchers, play tunnels and the like—you can do a lot with paper, boxes and a little creativity. And no need to disinfect—just toss when done.

**TRAVEL CARRIER**

All cats must be transported in a travel carrier. Preferably, one that is a sturdy plastic and easy to disinfect. You can line the bottom with a soft towel, blanket, or a puppy pad. Label the carrier with your name and phone number.

When you pick up your foster cat, we’ll also provide a card with the name, microchip and Heaven on Earth contact information that can be taped or clipped onto the handle.

These items and more are available at Perry’s Place for a small donation.

Email us at fosters@heavenlypets.org for any additional foster supply questions.