

## **Iowa County Humane Society** 305 Hwy YZ Dodgeville, WI 53533

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## Kitten Foster Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in helping homeless animals at the lowa County Humane Society by taking them into your home temporarily for foster care. Through foster care, you are helping the kittens stay healthy and receive the much needed socialization during this critical period in their life. Here are some things you need to consider before you make the commitment to foster kittens:

- At least initially, the kittens will need a room or area separate from other pets.
- All supplies that you will need will be provided by ICHS.
- Newborn kittens will need to be fed "around the clock" **every 2-4 hours**. Keep in mind that bottle feeding newborn kittens is not a quick process. In addition to feeding, the kittens also need to be "burped" and "stimulated" after each feeding (so that they "go potty"). Depending on the number of kittens in the litter, (if possible) it perhaps would be helpful if you had someone that could assist you with the feedings.

Realizing that fostering newborns will initially take a lot of your time, if you feel that this demanding (but necessary and rewarding) activity is something you are able to help with, call the shelter for more information.