

# Foster Care Flash Classes

Fostering is a job for everyone, including you! But that doesn’t mean you have to be an expert - you just have to be willing to learn. To help you do that, we’ve developed Flash Classes.

Just like the name implies, these short, instructional classes cover individual topics that foster care givers encounter while caring for our beloved furry friends. Flash Classes give you all the information you need to provide the best care for your foster pet in a condensed, to-the-point format.

**Check out the available Flash Classes-** [**https://www.maddiesfund.org/flash-classes.htm**](https://www.maddiesfund.org/flash-classes.htm)

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* [Young Kitten and Puppy Care](https://www.maddiesfund.org/flash-classes.htm#young-kitten-and-puppy-care)
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**Medical**

**Health Assessment**

* [How to Check Foster Pets for Dehydration](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-check-foster-pets-for-dehydration.htm)
March 2019
In this short class, you will learn how to assess for dehydration in foster pets  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-check-foster-pets-for-dehydration.htm)
* [How to Weigh Your Foster Pet](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-weigh-your-foster-pet.htm)
November 2018
In this short class you will learn how often you should weigh your foster pets, different methods of weighing your foster pets depending on their size, and when you should contact your foster manager about weight changes in your foster pet.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-weigh-your-foster-pet.htm)
* [Emergencies in Cats and Dogs (5 weeks and older)](https://www.maddiesfund.org/emergencies-cats-and-dogs-5-weeks-and-older.htm)
June 2017
Do you have questions about when to take your fostered dog or cat to the veterinarian, or is this an emergency? Find information in this presentation.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/emergencies-cats-and-dogs-5-weeks-and-older.htm)
* [Emergencies in Kittens and Puppies (0-4 weeks)](https://www.maddiesfund.org/emergencies-in-kittens-and-puppies-0-4-weeks.htm)
April 2017
 [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/emergencies-in-kittens-and-puppies-0-4-weeks.htm)
* [Taking the Temperature in Kittens and Puppies](https://www.maddiesfund.org/taking-the-temperature-in-kittens-and-puppies.htm)
January 2017
Taking a temperature in a kitten or puppy is a great way to help gauge the overall health of your young foster pet.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/taking-the-temperature-in-kittens-and-puppies.htm)

**Illness/ Sick or Injured Animal Care**

* [Diarrhea in Kittens and Puppies](https://www.maddiesfund.org/diarrhea-in-kittens-and-puppies.htm)
June 2019
Persistent young kitten or puppy diarrhea is one of the most challenging problems that foster programs face.There can be multiple different causes and solutions to kitten or puppy diarrhea.During this class, foster caregivers will learn to understand how to recognize diarrhea, some common causes of diarrhea, when a kitten or puppy with diarrhea needs veterinary attention, and how to help prevent and address kittens or puppies with diarrhea.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/diarrhea-in-kittens-and-puppies.htm)
* [Diarrhea in Cats and Dogs](https://www.maddiesfund.org/diarrhea-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
June 2019
There are many causes and solutions to diarrhea in cats and dogs.In this class, we will not into detail on causes or prevention of diarrhea in cats and dogs, but rather focus on the "how-to's" of dealing with pets who have diarrhea.You will learn what to look for when examining a cat or dog who has diarrhea, recognize when veterinary attention is needed, and understand how to care for a cat or dog who has diarrhea.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/diarrhea-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
* [Upper Respiratory Infection in Kittens and Cats](https://www.maddiesfund.org/upper-respiratory-infection-in-kittens-and-cats.htm)
April 2017
Are you a foster caregiver of cats or kittens? Then there is a high chance that you might encounter upper respiratory infection in one or more of your fostered felines. Learn how to recognize the illness, and what to do about it.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/upper-respiratory-infection-in-kittens-and-cats.htm)

**Young Kitten and Puppy Care**

* [How to Bottle Feed Kittens and Puppies](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-bottle-feed-kittens-and-puppies.htm)
June 2017
Learn how the bottle feeding process is made much easier for foster caregivers with a good understanding of how to properly do each step.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-bottle-feed-kittens-and-puppies.htm)
* [Kitten and Puppy Bottle Feeding Problems and Solutions](https://www.maddiesfund.org/kitten-and-puppy-bottle-feeding-problems-and-solutions.htm)
June 2017
Problems such as not taking the bottle, weight loss, restlessness or crying are covered in this Flash Class.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/kitten-and-puppy-bottle-feeding-problems-and-solutions.htm)
* [Transitioning Kittens and Puppies to Solid Food](https://www.maddiesfund.org/transitioning-kittens-and-puppies-to-solid-food.htm)
June 2017
This class will make the weaning process easier, especially for foster caregivers who are trying to wean kittens or puppies for the first time.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/transitioning-kittens-and-puppies-to-solid-food.htm)
* [How to Stimulate an Orphaned Kitten or Puppy to Pee and Poop](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-stimulate-an-orphaned-kitten-or-puppy-to-pee-and-poop.htm)
June 2017
How is this done? How often should a kitten or puppy be stimulated? Learn this and more during this short flash class.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-stimulate-an-orphaned-kitten-or-puppy-to-pee-and-poop.htm)

**Preventative Care**

* [Cleaning and Disinfection in Foster Homes](https://www.maddiesfund.org/cleaning-and-disinfection-in-foster-homes.htm)
January 2018
During this short class your will learn ways to prevent the spread of disease if a pet in your home is already sick.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/cleaning-and-disinfection-in-foster-homes.htm)
* [Preventing the Spread of Disease in Foster Homes](https://www.maddiesfund.org/preventing-the-spread-of-disease-in-foster-homes.htm)
January 2018
In this short instructional class you will learn how you keep the foster pet from getting your own pets sick or vice versa, and more.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/preventing-the-spread-of-disease-in-foster-homes.htm)

**Behavioral**

**Pet-to-Pet Interactions**

* [Introducing Your Foster Dog to Cats](https://www.maddiesfund.org/introducing-your-foster-dog-to-cats.htm)
August 2017
Follow these simple steps and you can have your foster dog and your feline co-exist safely and peacefully.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/introducing-your-foster-dog-to-cats.htm)

**Pet-to-person Interactions**

* [Bringing Your Foster Cat Home](https://www.maddiesfund.org/bringing-your-foster-cat-home.htm)
June 2019
In this short class, you will learn how to set up your home in a way that creates a safe space for your foster cat and help your foster cat acclimate to their new environment.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/bringing-your-foster-cat-home.htm)

**Stress Reduction**

* [Fear Free Eye Treatment](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-eye-treatment.htm)
November 2018
In this video, learn how to make these treatments more of a positive experience for your foster dog or cat and make the entire process less of a struggle for both you and your foster pet.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-eye-treatment.htm)
* [Fear Free Tooth Brushing](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-tooth-brushing.htm)
November 2018
In this video, learn how you can gain your foster pets approval of teeth brushing as well as turn a potential negative experience into a positive one.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-tooth-brushing.htm)
* [Fear Free Pet Brushing](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-pet-brushing.htm)
November 2018
In this short video, learn the best way to brush your dog or cat that makes the process fun and easy for both you and your foster pet.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-pet-brushing.htm)
* [Fear Free Ear Cleaning](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-ear-cleaning.htm)
November 2018
In this short video, learn techniques for helping your foster pet learn that ear treatments don't have to be a frightening and unpleasant experience.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fear-free-ear-cleaning.htm)
* [Treatment Station: Training for Care](https://www.maddiesfund.org/treatment-station-training-for-care.htm)
February 2018
Watch this short video on conditioning your foster pet to a treatment station to find out how to best utilize it to help you care for your foster pet.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/treatment-station-training-for-care.htm)

**Shy/ Fearful Behavior**

* [Fostering and Socializing Unsocial Kittens](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fostering-and-socializing-unsocial-kittens.htm)
January 2017
The good news is that many unsocialized kittens can learn to not only tolerate interaction with humans but even enjoy it.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/fostering-and-socializing-unsocial-kittens.htm)

**Safety**

* [Low Stress Cat Transport](https://www.maddiesfund.org/low-stress-cat-transport.htm)
March 2017
These low stress techniques can be useful for staff or volunteers transporting cats between shelters, as well as for fosters bringing their cats to and from adoption events, veterinary appointments or other locations.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/low-stress-cat-transport.htm)

**Common Behavior Challenges**

* [Straining to Poop in Cats and Dogs](https://www.maddiesfund.org/straining-to-poop-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
June 2019
There are many causes of straining to poop in cats and dogs. The most common causes are diarrhea, constipation, or overly full anal glands, which are usually an "easy fix". Other causes, like gastrointestinal blockage, are more complicated to treat. In this class you will learn how to identify the symptoms of a cat or dog who is straining to poop, recognize when emergency veterinary attention is needed, and learn what you can do at home to help your dog or cat.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/straining-to-poop-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
* [Straining to Pee in Cats and Dogs](https://www.maddiesfund.org/straining-to-pee-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
June 2019
There are many causes of straining to pee in cats and dogs. The most common causes are bladder inflammation or urinary tract infection, which are usually an "easy fix". Other causes, like urinary blockage and bladder stones, are more complicated to treat. In this class you will learn how to monitor for straining to pee in your cat or dog, recognize when an emergency veterinary visit is necessary, and what you can do for your pet in the meantime at home.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/straining-to-pee-in-cats-and-dogs.htm)
* [Solving Litter Box Problems](https://www.maddiesfund.org/solving-litter-box-problems.htm)
November 2018
In this class you will learn how to understand the various issues related to owner surrender of cats with a history of inappropriate litter box use, the various medical and behavioral causes of peeing and/or pooping outside the litter box, techniques to eliminate behavioral causes of not using the litter box, and how to facilitate a successful adoption of a cat with a history of inappropriate litter box use.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/solving-litter-box-problems.htm)
* [Harmful Non-Productive Suckling in Orphaned Neonatal Kittens](https://www.maddiesfund.org/harmful-non-productive-suckling-in-kittens.htm)
January 2017
Harmful non-productive suckling in your foster kitten can be a potentially life-threatening problem.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/harmful-non-productive-suckling-in-kittens.htm)

**Adoption Tips**

* [How to Properly Navigate Adoption Events](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-properly-navigate-adoption-events.htm)
January 2018
In this short video you will learn some tips for going to adoption events with your foster dog to give your foster exposure to potential adopters.  [Learn More](https://www.maddiesfund.org/how-to-properly-navigate-adoption-events.htm)