UNDERAGE PETS (Kittens/Puppies)

Keep them fed, keep them warm, keep them clean.

Medical & Adoption Milestones for Underage Pets

- **One-two weeks (1-2) old**
  - Bottle feeding & stimulation every 2-3 hours
- **Two-three (2-3) weeks old**
  - Schedule deworm and re-weigh if not dewormed at BARC previously https://barchouston.as.me/FosterClinic
  - Bottle feeding and stimulation every 3-4 hours (transitioning to wet food & litterbox **non-clumping litter)
- **Four-five (4-5) weeks old**
  - Watered down wet kitten food (or mixed with kitten milk) offered in bowl (or on finger to start if stubborn!) every 4-5 hours; ok overnight for 7 hours depending on health
  - ALWAYS have wet kitten food available & litterbox **non-clumping litter
- **Six (6) weeks old** (or 3 weeks after initial FVRCP or DA2PP vaccine)**:**
  - Schedule 1st booster https://barchouston.as.me/FosterClinic
  - Wet kitten food offered every 6-7 hours, OK overnight (ALWAYS have dry and wet food available)
- **Nine (9) weeks old** (or 1.8 pounds)**:**
  - Email BARCFoster@houstontx.gov with a new photo and short bio for each pet. **We will make the pet available for adopters at this time**
  - Schedule spay/neuter https://barchouston.as.me/foster or BARCFoster@houstontx.gov
  - Unless your pet is very underweight, your puppy or kitten should be ready for spay/neuter surgery at 10 weeks old.
  - Wet food offered every 7-9 hours; always have dry food available
- **Twelve (12) weeks old:**
  - If your kitten is shy or slow growing, you may have it a little longer. That's ok! Just keep sending us new photos and videos and keep loving your kitty! We'll help! Email BARCFoster@houstontx.gov with a new photo and short bio of each pet.

Please remember, kittens are VERY vulnerable. Anything out of the ordinary for longer than 6-12 hours is an emergency; they should be brought to BARC between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. through 2700 Evella.

In most cases, kittens in extreme distress will not benefit from an emergency vet visit. Follow the **fading kitten protocol** (see bottom) and bring to BARC once it opens.