

FOSTER KITTEN DIARRHEA PROTOCOL

GENERAL

- Deworm with Strongid liquid twice with treatments 2 weeks apart.
- Overfeeding can cause diarrhea. Foster families should feed kittens small amounts multiple times a day instead of large amounts once or twice daily.

MANAGEMENT OF MILD DIARRHEA IN OTHERWISE HEALTHY KITTENS

- Mild cases include patients with loose stool (fecal score of 5 or 6) \geq 2 days but are bright and responsive, have a healthy body condition, are eating well, and are hydrated.
 - Have foster family add probiotics to food.
- If patient remains healthy but fecal score does not improve within 4 days while receiving probiotics:
 - Prescribe Albon for 7d.

SCENARIOS IN WHICH FOSTER KITTEN NEEDS TO SEE VETERINARIAN ASAP

- Diarrhea with little to no appetite for over 12 hours, lethargy, or persistent vomiting.
- Severe diarrhea (FS 7) that is pouring out of the kitten and that the kitten does not have control over.
- Severe diarrhea (FS 7) for more than 12 hours even if kitten has control over it.
- Bloody diarrhea.
- Kitten appears not to be gaining weight or starts losing weight for 2 days.
- Kitten is overtly dehydrated (sunken eyes, prolonged skin tent, pale mucous membranes).