

ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE OF GREATER PORTLAND || FOSTER PROGRAM

MEDICAL URGENCIES & WHEN TO ALERT US

Foster **dog** not eating? Here are the steps to take:

- 1. Call the ARLGP/foster team (207-856-2696) as soon as you believe there is an issue, the earlier we know the better (especially with young, fragile pets). If it is outside of ARLGP business hours, please use your emergency phone tree to notify an ARLGP team member.**
Let us know if there is any vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy or if your foster refuses to drink.
- 2. Try using boiled chicken, canned chicken, tuna, baby food (plain without seasoning), broth (plain without seasoning), boiled hamburger meat, cat food.**
- 3. Try turning it into a game: using an excited voice have your foster sit and get food as the reward.**
- 4. If you are able to get your foster to eat, let the foster team know what they ate and how much (totally quantity by weight or cup/tbs).**

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Do not text, call and speak to a person.*

Foster **cat** not eating? Here are the steps to take:

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Let us know if there is any vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy or if your foster refuses to drink.
- 2. Try using baby food (plain without seasoning), broth (plain without seasonings), tuna, canned chicken, Delectable Squeeze Up cat treats, kitten food**
- 3. Sit with your cat while they are eating. Some cats are social eaters and do better when they have company.**
- 4. Make sure the food station is in an area they are comfortable entering. If they have their own room, keep it in there. If they have free range of the house, place it where they spend the most time.**
- 5. Change/wash dishes and put out fresh food. Some cats won't eat food from dishes that have not been changed or washed regularly.**
- 6. If you are able to get your foster to eat let the foster team know what and how much (totally quantity by weight or cup/tbs)**

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Foster *cat or dog* having diarrhea? Here are the steps to take:

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2. Collect a sample in a poop bag or other plastic bag so that the foster team can test it.
3. If fostering a dog, try adding a small amount (no more than a tablespoon) of canned pumpkin (plain, not pumpkin pie mix) to your foster's food once per day.

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Foster *cat or dog* vomiting? Here are the steps to take:

1. Email the foster team (foster@arlgp.org) as soon as you believe there is an issue. Let us know if there is any diarrhea, lethargy or if they are not eating/drinking. Let us know what kind of vomit (undigested food, bile, etc.) and how much/how often.
2. **IF YOUR FOSTER IS VOMITING BLOOD PLEASE CALL AND SPEAK DIRECTLY TO A FOSTER TEAM MEMBER OR CANINE/FELINE MANAGER IMMEDIATELY.**
3. If your foster continues to vomit and you have not received an email response to your first notification of a problem within 8 hours please call (207-856-2696) and speak directly to a member of the foster team (Ann/Lisa/Sarah), the canine team manager (Kathleen) or feline manager (Molly).

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Foster *cat or dog* not pooping? Here are the steps to take:

1. Email the foster team (foster@arlgp.org) as soon as you believe there is an issue. Let us know how long since last bowel movement, if there is any lethargy, vomiting or if they are not eating/drinking.
2. If your foster continues to not have a bowel movement and you have not received an email response to your first notification of a problem within 12 hours please call (207-856-2696) and speak directly to a member of the foster team (Ann/Lisa/Sarah) or the canine team manager (Molly).
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Foster *cat or dog* not urinating? Here are the steps to take:

URGENT: Call (207-856-2696) and speak directly to a member of the foster team (Ann/Lisa/Sarah), canine manager (Kathleen) or feline manager (Molly).

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