



## **BKB Foster Vacation Policy**

We totally get it - rest and travel are important! Here's how to plan ahead so your kittens stay safe and cared for while you're away.

### **Planning Ahead**

Submit your vacation request as early as possible, especially around holidays or busy seasons. <https://bittykittybrigade.org/vacation/>

### **Taking in New Fosters with Upcoming Travel**

If you have travel planned within 14 days of a new placement, please tell the Placement Coordinator before accepting kittens so we can ensure backup care.

### **Types of Travel**

- **Short-Term (Up to 10 Days):** Respite care can be arranged.
- **Extended (Over 10 Days):** Kittens will likely be permanently transferred to another caregiver to minimize stressful transitions.

### **Kittens 9+ Weeks**

If you're gone for 5+ days, the respite caregiver may be asked to handle adoption visits and pickups for your kittens. Send their adoption bags and a goodbye hug with them! You'll still be included in any communications from the Adoption Team.

## **What to Bring to Respite Care**

- Enough food, litter, and meds for the full trip
- Familiar blankets, beds, or toys
- Medical/behavioral notes
- Adoption bags (for kittens 9+ weeks)

## **Traveling With Kittens**

In general, kittens should not travel with you. However, in rare cases, exceptions may be made. These situations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Foster Director & the Medical Team. To explore this option, email [foster@bittykittybrigade.org](mailto:foster@bittykittybrigade.org).

*\*\*\*Note: You must be willing to return the kitten(s) to the metro area/our veterinary partners immediately in the case of a medical emergency.*

## **Using a Personal Pet Sitter**

In most cases, BKB will arrange a BKB sitter for you. However, a personal sitter can be great for situations where the cats do best remaining in the home, like shy/undersocialized adult cats or kittens with conditions like ringworm

For those situations, please submit a Vacation Request Form with your sitter's info. Upon approval, the sitter will need to sign a waiver and get a Foster Handbook + emergency contacts

## **Coordinating Your Own BKB Respite**

Want to make arrangements with your own trusted BKB caregiver?

- Email Emily ([emilyz@bittykittybrigade.org](mailto:emilyz@bittykittybrigade.org)) and cc [foster@bittykittybrigade.org](mailto:foster@bittykittybrigade.org) with dates, kitten names, and caregiver info.
- Let us know if the sitter/caregiver has other BKB kittens (for quarantine risk).
- Update Emily ASAP if plans change.

**Enjoy your time away and know that your bitties are in good hands!**