

# Young Cat Foster Triage

#### **PURPOSE**

This document defines the policy and procedures for properly triaging young cats in foster care.

If at any time you feel your cat is having an emergency, please call the emergency clinic line at

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all APA! fosters & clinic staff responsible for caring for and responding to medical concerns for young cats in foster care.

#### **POLICY**

- In case of obvious emergency, call the clinic immediately at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Walk in appointments are only accepted if the clinic has determined that it is medically necessary for the cat. Non-emergency walk-ins will be presented with options for future illness appointments. They will not be admitted to the clinic immediately.
- The clinic will not make appointments for wellness purposes. Wellness clinic days will be held on a recurring basis. Refer to wellness correspondence or to your APA! foster representative for more information.

#### **APPOINTMENT KEY**





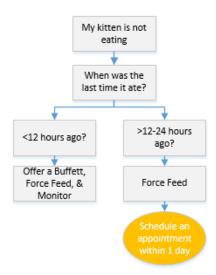
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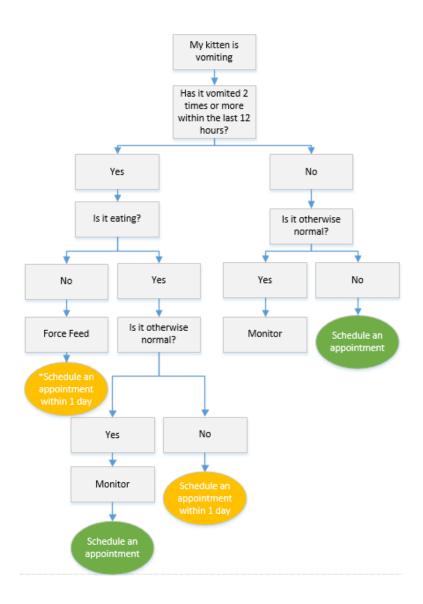
### **PROCEDURES**

### 1.0 Not Eating





# 2.0 Vomiting



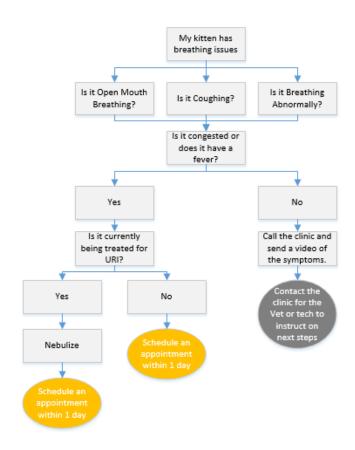


### 3.0 Diarrhea



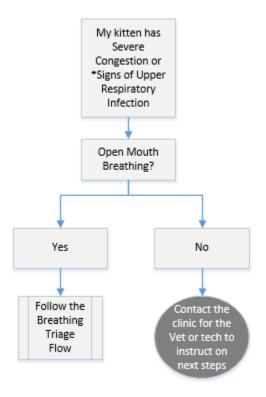


### 4.0 Abnormal Breathing





### 5.0 Severe Congestion

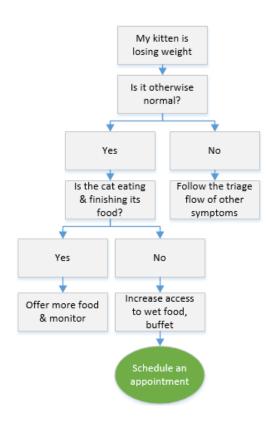


### \*URI symptoms:

- Sneezing
- Congestion
- Cough
- Clear to colored nasal discharge
- Gagging, drooling
- Fever
- Decreased appetite
- Nasal and oral ulcers
- Squinting or rubbing eyes

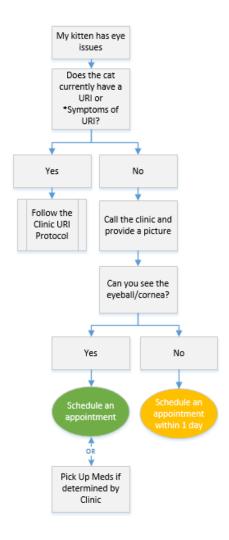


### 6.0 Losing Weight





### 7.0 Eye Issues

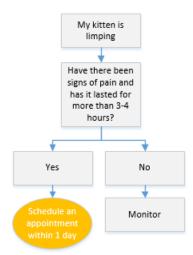


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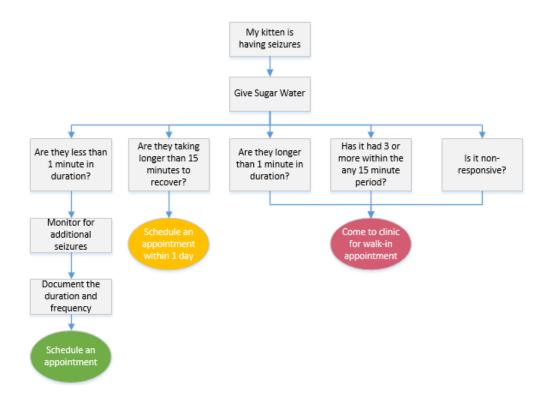


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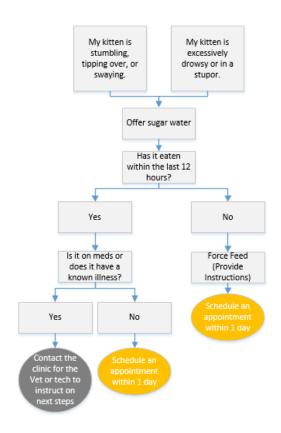


#### 9.0 Seizures



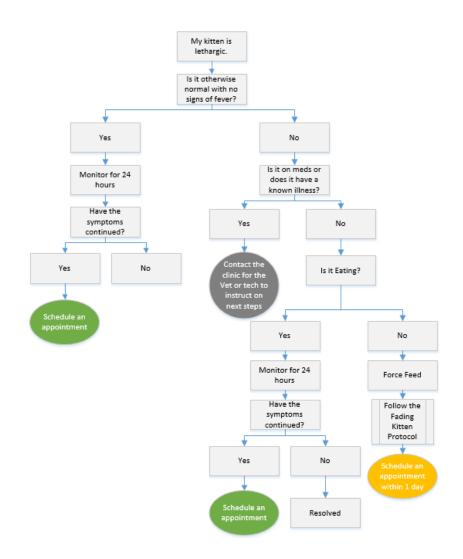


# 10.0 Ataxia (stumbling, swaying, drowsy, etc.)



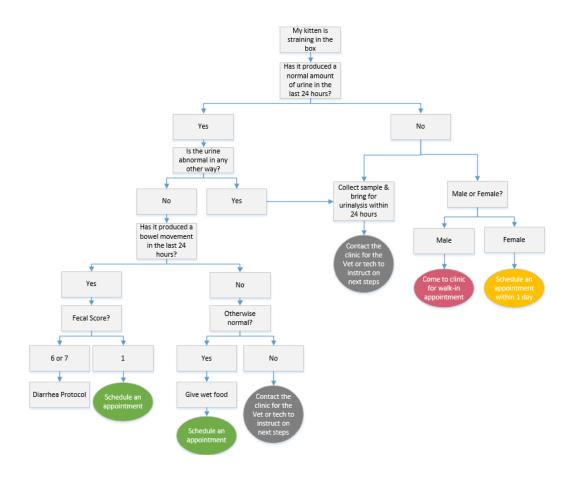


### 11.0 Lethargic



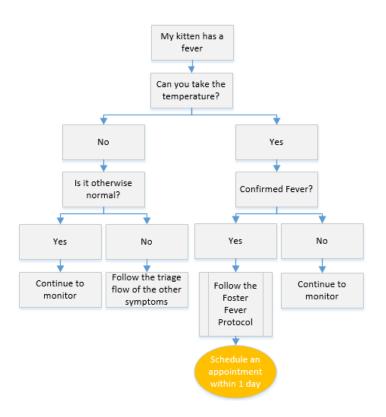


# 12.0 Straining in the box





### 13.0 Fever



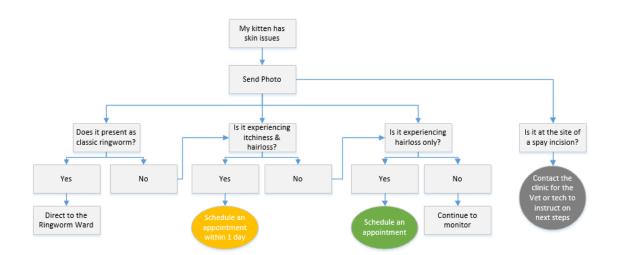


### 14.0 Ear Issues





### 15.0 Skin Issues





#### 16.0 Dental Issues

