

Disinfecting After Disease:

Be Confident to Foster Again

You have had an infectious disease or contagious condition in your home. Follow these steps to prepare your space so you can foster again with confidence. These protocols are designed to take the guesswork out of the cleanup process, giving you clear, practical guidance to properly disinfect your home and protect future animals in your care.

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STEP 1

Gather all Necessary Supplies

- Cleaning supplies:
 - Dish Soap
 - Vinegar
 - Baking Soda
- Rescue® Disinfectants:
 - Wipes or Ready to Use for above the floor surfaces
 - Concentrate for the floors
- Gloves
- Brooms, brushes, dust pans
- Paper towels
- Trash bags



STEP 2

Remove and throw away all items from the room that are disposable or cannot be easily disinfected, such as fabric items, cat trees, and cardboard. Most cat toys cannot be appropriately disinfected and need to be thrown away. All items must be placed directly into a garbage bag or larger items, where this may not be possible, taken directly outside to be disposed of.

STEP 3

Wash foster bedding on high heat with bleach. Dry on high heat. Do not mix with personal clothes or resident pet belongings.

STEP 4

Collect all food-related items such as utensils, dishes, bottles, nipples and medication containers and clean and disinfect them thoroughly. Soak them in a solution of Rescue Concentrate diluted at a ratio of 1:16 (8oz/gallon of water) for 5 minutes. Then, rinse with potable water.



STEP 5

Empty and clean litter boxes and scoops with a mild detergent such as Dawn dish soap. Then soak them in Rescue Concentrate diluted at a ratio of 1:16 (8oz/-gallon of water) for 5 minutes. Discard litter boxes that cannot be adequately cleaned and disinfected by placing them directly into a garbage bag.

STEP 6

Clean cages, carriers, plastic bins, playpens or other containers used to house kittens removing all visible dirt and debris. Saturate all surfaces with Rescue Disinfectants, ensuring the solution reaches into corners and small crevices. Allow the Rescue solution to sit undisturbed on the surface for required contact time.

STEP 7

Store all disinfected items in a clean, disinfected airtight container for the next use.

STEP 8

Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces in the room with Rescue Disinfectants.

STEP 9

Thoroughly clean and disinfect all flooring with Rescue Concentrate diluted at a 1:16 ratio (8oz of Rescue concentrate per gallon of water). Start with the furthest corner in the room and working your way towards the door.



REMINDER

When thoroughly done, the cleaning and disinfecting protocols described above should be sufficient even when caring for kittens with conditions such as ringworm, or calicivirus. Because items such as upholstered furniture, carpeting, or cat trees cannot be effectively cleaned and disinfected, other kittens should not have access to them. As some viruses can live in the environment for over a year and are highly resistant to many standard household cleaning products and methods, the importance of proper quarantine as well as housing kittens in an easy-to-clean/disinfect foster space without carpeting and upholstered furniture cannot be stressed enough.

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Rescue Wipes



Rescue Ready to Use



Rescue Concentrate



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