Cat Adoptions Socialization Program

Arlington Animal Services
Volunteer Training Program
Pre-Requisite for Cat Socialization

- Volunteers must be qualified in Volunteer Login in “Feline Sanitation and Disease Management”
Overview of Resources Used in Developing Protocol and Policy

- Animal Welfare Act – US Code Title 7
- State of Texas Statutes
  - Health and Safety
  - Penal Code
  - Agricultural Code
  - Parks and Wildlife Code
- State of Texas Administrative Code
  - Chapter 169
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians – Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters
Why the ASV – Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

- Quoted in Texas Administrative Code 169.26(a)(12)
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians’ (ASV) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters: The ASV Guidelines for Standards of Care were developed by experts in the field of shelter medicine to raise the standard of animal care throughout the industry, meeting the needs of each individual animal without losing sight of the needs of the shelter population as a whole. They have been endorsed by The HSUS, ASPCA, National Animal Control Association (NACA), Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA), National Federation of Humane Societies (NFHS), and other animal welfare organizations.
Cat Adoptions Socialization Guidelines

- Socializing Cats
  - Each Volunteer must sign up on Volunteer Login to socialize cats
  - Each Volunteer is allowed to take 3 cats per day to meet and greet room 4
  - Only cats in adoptions may be socialized
  - Cat(s) in the Condos can be socialized inside the condo but only one condo per volunteer is allowed and this does count toward 1 socialization and must be done last.
Step By Step Procedures

- Wash hands with soap and water followed up with sanitizer between each cat
  - Soap and hand sanitizer is located in the cattery prep area
  - A good rule is to wash all the way up to your elbows
Step By Step Procedures

- Place the laminated sign (located on Meet and Greet Room 4; clipboard is attached to the door) that says “I’m In Meet and Greet Room 4 being Socialized”. Place one inside and one outside the cat’s cage door sleeve.
  - If there are no signs, notify the supervisor on duty
Step By Step Procedures

- Place the cat in its box located inside the cage.
  - If cat shows any signs of illness do not socialize the cat and report to the supervisor in charge immediately.
Step By Step Procedures

- Take the cat to Meet and Greet Room 4 and spend 15 to 20 minutes socializing.
Step By Step Procedures

- Place the cat back into its box and take it back to its cage.
  - Before letting cat out of box check litter box; if dirty, empty and replace.
  - Litter boxes are located on the shelf in the cat preparation room.
- Open cat’s box and shut cage door.
Step By Step Procedures

- Wash hands with soap and water followed up with sanitizer between each cat
  - Soap and hand sanitizer is located in the cattery prep area
  - A good rule is to wash all the way up to your elbows
Step By Step Procedures

- Remove laminated signs and put back on clipboard.
- Record the cat socialization information on the clipboard
  - This is to verify that different cats are socialized throughout the day.
Step By Step Procedures

- Pick up any matter left behind by the cat using a bag and mop up any urine.
  - Bags are located inside Meet and Greet Room 4
    - If there are no bags, notify the supervisor on duty
Step By Step Procedures

- Spray the room with the sprayer
  - Sprayer is located just outside of Meet and Greet Room 4 in the hallway.
    - If the sprayer is not there notify the supervisor on duty

- Spray the walls, bench and floor.
Step By Step Procedures

- **Mop the floor**
  - Mop is located outside Meet and Greet Room 4 in the hallway
    - If there is no mop or the water is old, notify the supervisor on duty

- **Wipe down wall and bench**
  - Towels are located on the shelves in the cat prep room
    - If there are no towels, notify the supervisor on duty

- **Put dirty towel in basket in Cat Prep Room and put dirty cat toys in mesh bag on shelf in Cat Prep Room**
Remove the second and third cat and follow the above steps

MY TURN!
I, ________________________________,

(Please Print)

hereby acknowledge and understand the protocol regarding cat socialization. I understand that not following the protocols may result in having my socialization privileges revoked.

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Volunteer Signature

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Date