



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

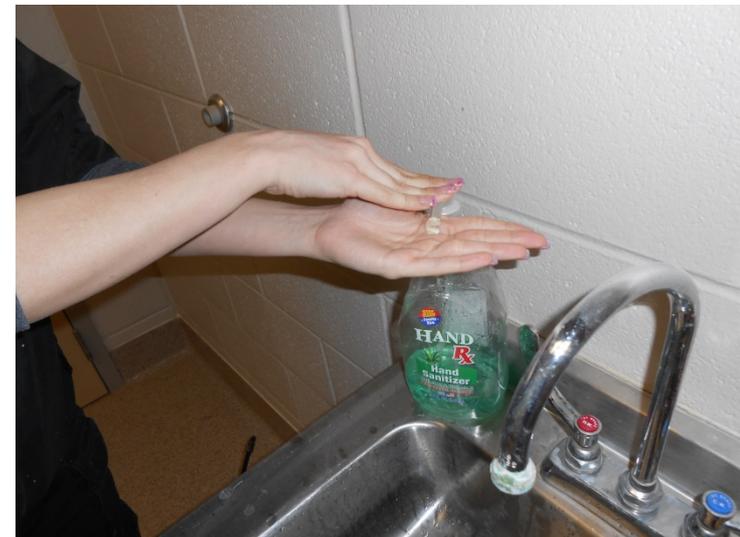
- Quoted in Texas Administrative Code 169.26(a)(12)
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians' (ASV) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters: The ASV Guidelines for Standards of Care were **developed by experts in the field of shelter medicine** to raise the standard of animal care throughout 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.



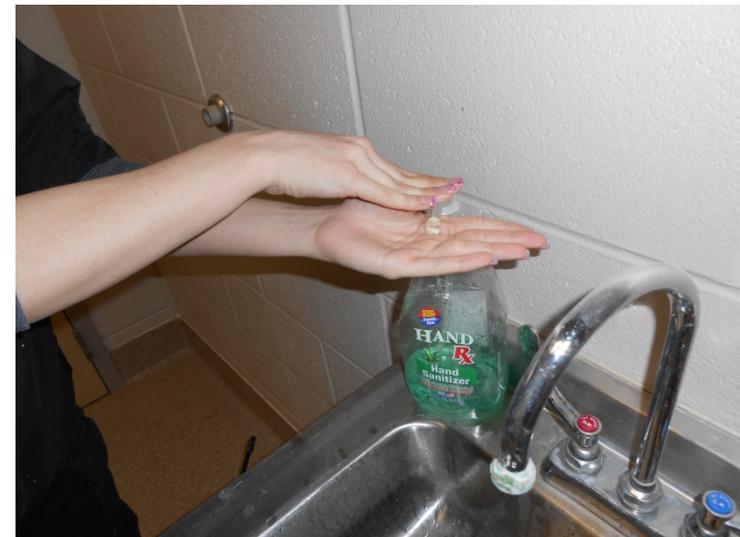
Step By Step Procedures

- 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.



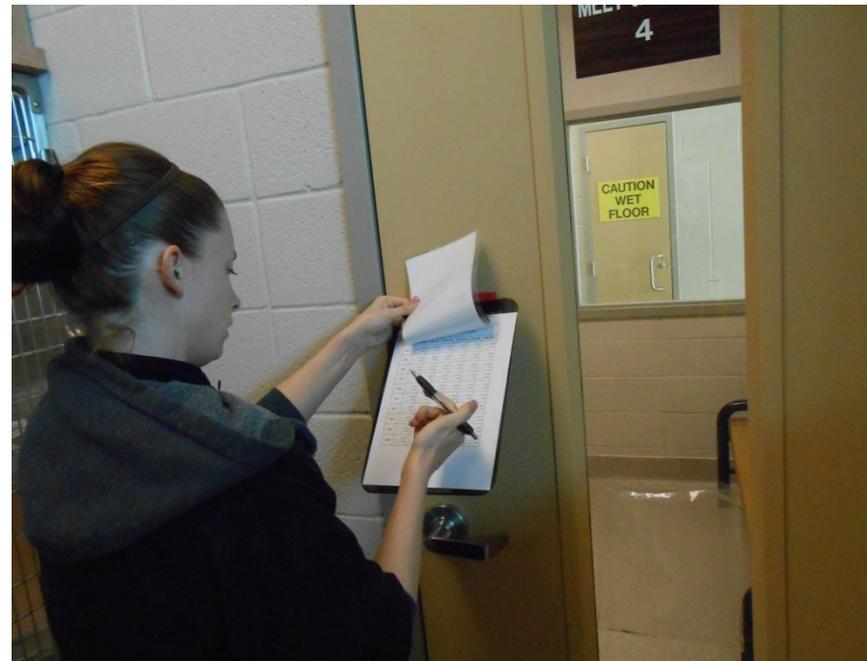
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Step By Step Procedures

- Remove laminated signs and put back on clipboard.
- Record the cat socialization information on the clip board
 - 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



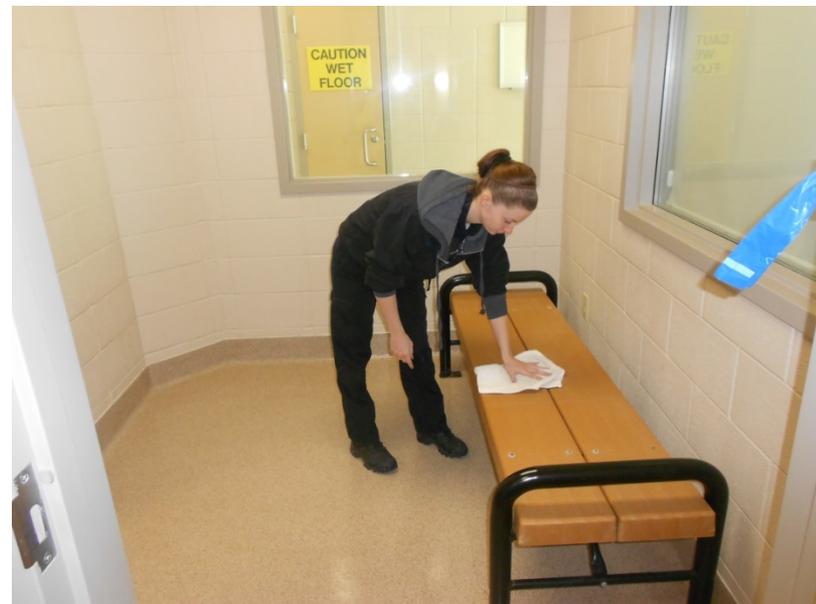
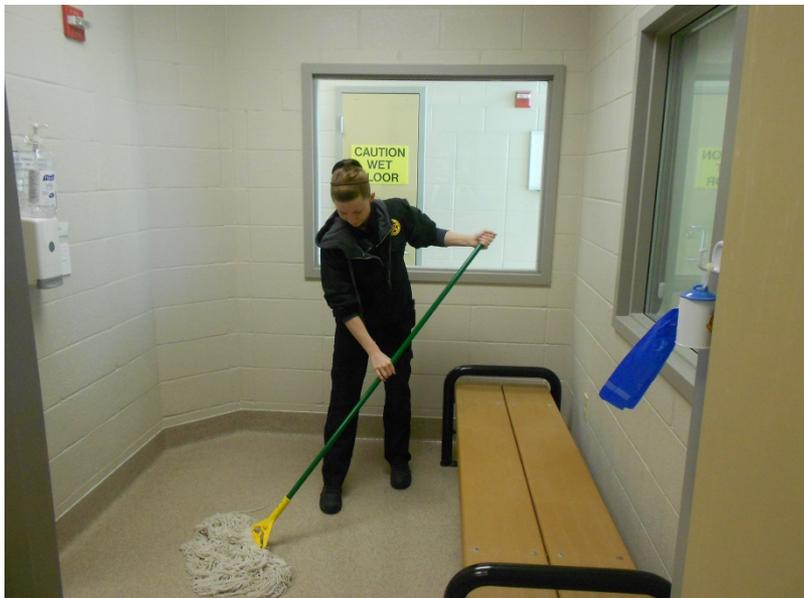
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- Spray the room with the sprayer
 - Sprayer is located just outside of Meet and Greet Room 4 in the hallway.
 - If the sprayer is not there notify the supervisor on duty
- Spray the walls, bench and floor.

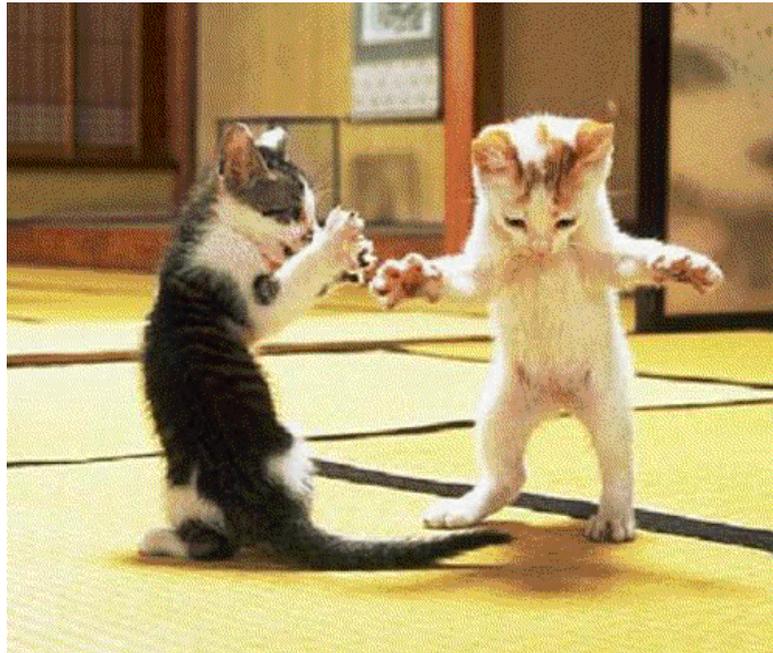


Step By Step Procedures

- 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!

Cat Socialization Protocol Acknowledgment



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.

Volunteer Signature

Date