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Build a Better Daily Routine

For Cats in Pounds and Rescues

What do all animals in shelters need?

1. Access to natural light
2. Fresh air
3. Exercise
4. Rest
5. Mental stimulation
6. Comfort
7. Choice



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DOCUMENT AND RESOURCES

Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, Second Edition

- [Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, Second Edition](#)
- Checklist of key actionable statements from the Guidelines
 - [PDF](#)
 - [Spreadsheet](#) (sortable)
 - [Videos to further define some of the standards](#)

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Mostly, they need to get out of the shelter....



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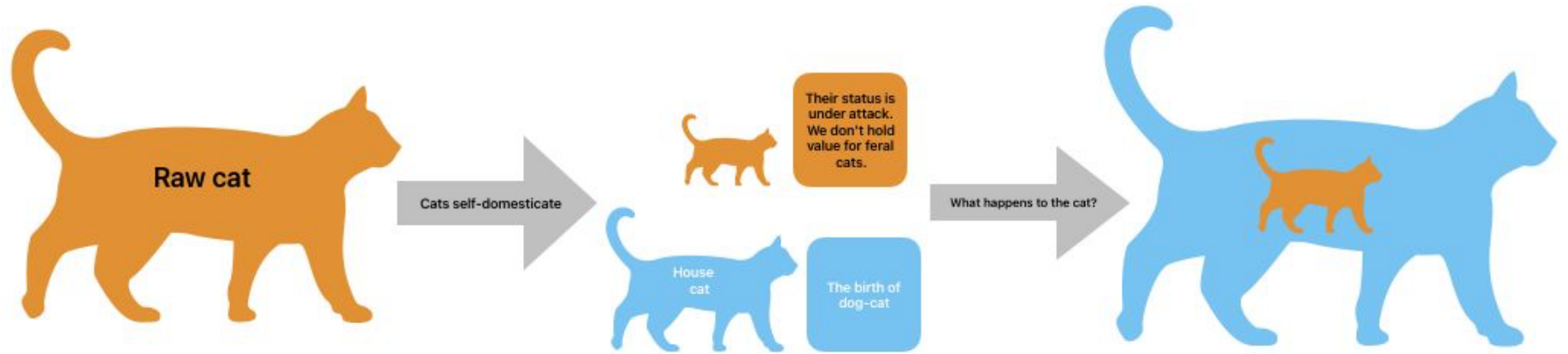
Common problems

1. Lack of basic care or standard practices.
2. Cats held indefinitely or in the back.
3. Not enough or no enrichment or exercise.
4. Too little interaction.
5. Lack of pathway planning.
6. Cycle of isolation and mental decline.



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Cat feeding and cleaning



- ❖ Feed two meals per day.
- ❖ Wet food for all cats.
- ❖ Remove food after the meal.
- ❖ Litter should be as far away from food and water as possible.
- ❖ Enough litter to scratch and cover.



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How to not feed cats



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Kat Kave from Shor-line



Tomahawk Feral Cat Den



*Castle for Shelter Cats from
The Animal Rescue Site*



*Cage Hammock at PAWS, Norwalk, CT
Photo by Maggie Swanson & Rick Wetzel*

Make your kennels better for cats.

- Getting on top of things and under things makes cats feel safer when they feel under threat.
- Scent soaking - when cats have their smell on things they feel more confident and secure.



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Enrichment and exercise



- ❖ Scratching surfaces
- ❖ Interactive play
- ❖ Independent play
- ❖ Training
- ❖ Food puzzles



Stretch & Scratch



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Supplies for your daily cat routine

1. Interactive toys (wands)
2. Scratch surface
3. Independent play toys - mice, springles
4. Churu
5. Feral dens (for choice and moving cats)
6. Soft texture and hard texture for laying
7. Wet cat food



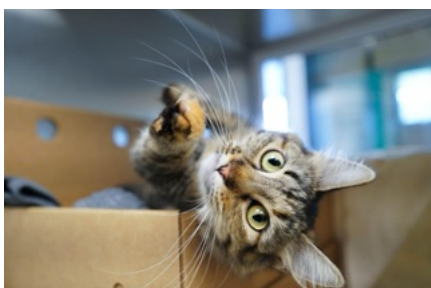
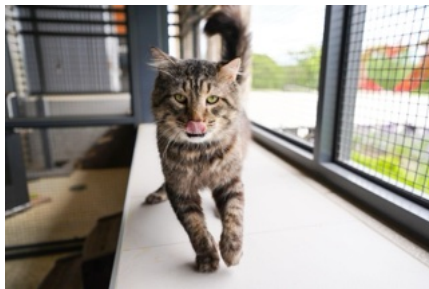
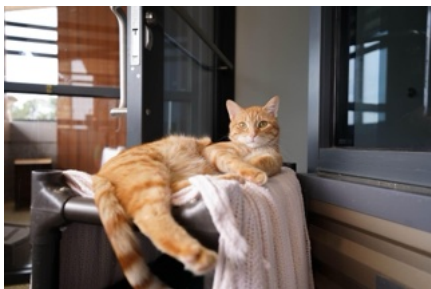
Juvenile and Adult Cat Care Daily Checklist

- ☐ Turn lights on.
- ☐ Feed wet food (or a mix of wet and dry) and remove dirty litter pans and water bowls.
- ☐ Provide fresh litter pans and water bowls.
- ☐ Remove food from kennels (approximately 30 minutes after feeding).
- ☐ Replace any missing or badly soiled kennel enrichment items with fresh ones.
- ☐ Mid-morning rotating enrichment (see schedule on board).
- ☐ Restock food and litter and clean food preparation areas.
- ☐ Kennel breaks and play sessions.
- ☐ Mid-afternoon group quiet time (30 minutes to one hour).
- ☐ Spot clean and afternoon treats/enrichment.
- ☐ Evening spot clean and evening feeding (one hour before lights out).
- ☐ Evening rounds wellness check and lights out.



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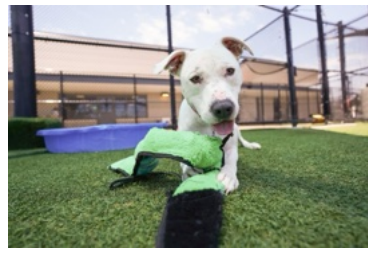
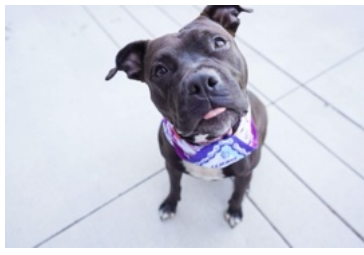
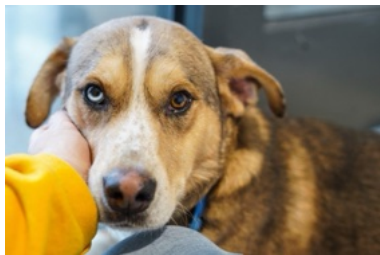
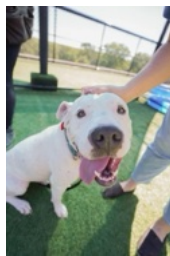




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