

CAT'S ID#	CAT'S NAME	DATE	TIME
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EVALUATORS

LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE WITH STRANGERS

- At front of cage, soliciting—talking, rubbing against door, and/or reaching through bars
- Comes to front with encouragement
- Won't come to front, but talks or blinks back to you
- Won't come to front and ignores you
- Won't come to front and tries to hide
- Won't come to front and hisses or growls at you

TOUCH

When you open the door and try to touch it, does the cat...

- Solicit petting and attention?
- Seem indifferent?
- Move to the back of the cage to avoid being touched?
- Growl or hiss?
- Try to swat at you?
- Charge the front of the cage?

Are you able to pick up the cat without resistance?

- Yes
- No Please explain:

SOCIAL ATTRACTION

Sit quietly (in a quiet area) without encouraging the cat. Let him/her make own choices. Where is the cat's attention focused?

- More interested in person.
- More interested in exploring the environment
- Too afraid to do anything
- Hiding
- Hissing or threatening

SOCIAL RESPONSE

Try to get the cat's attention in a friendly way. Will the cat pay attention to the person? How long does the cat stay focused on the person?

NOISE TEST

When cat is not looking, toss a set of keys on the floor away from it. What is the cat's response?

RESPONSE TO BRUSH/COMB

RESPONSE TO "KID HANDLING"

Try to imitate types of holds and handling that young children do. Slowly stroke cat from top of head all the way down its body to the end of its tail.

Does the cat enjoy this type of handling? Yes No

Comments:

Try holding the cat with just an arm behind the cat's front legs (without supporting the hind end).

Does the cat tolerate this? Yes No

Comments:

Try cuddling the cat and holding it to you with its tummy up.
Does the cat tolerate this? Yes No

Comments: _____

Touch the cat's tummy and feet.
How does the cat react? _____

Try patting the cat's head roughly a couple times and try tugging slightly on its tail and skin along its back. Does the cat tolerate this? Yes No

Comments: _____

Where does it especially like to be petted? Is there anywhere it dislikes?

Give your impression of what age kids this cat would do okay with and why.

AROUSAL/REACTIVITY

Does the cat play with the cat charmer or any other toys? Make a note of which toys it likes. How quickly does the cat get excited? How quickly is the cat able to calm down?

PURR-SONALITY TYPE

In general, how would you describe the cat's personality? Check all that apply.

- Lap Sitter: Likes to be held and cuddled
- Responsive & Friendly, but doesn't like to be picked up or held
- Craves attention on a regular basis
- Playful & Active, highly motivated to play
- Timid, but shows signs of enjoying the attention
- Too stressed to determine personality traits today
- Can pick up and hold for a few minutes only

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS (circle)

Confident/Timid Frenetic/Calm Needy/Aloof
Attentive/Distracted Gentle/Rough
Talkative/Quiet Mellow/high energy

DOG TEST

Place the cat on a shelf in the temperament test room, and bring a mellow dog in. Make sure the cat notices the dog, and watch its reaction.

- Cat approaches the dog and rubs against it or tries to play.
- Cat looks interested-may or may not approach the dog.
- Cat is initially alert and "on guard", but then relaxes
- Cat "puffs up" and/or begins hissing
- Cat charges at dog hissing and growling, may take time to settle down, or have to remove dog to reduce stress

Bring the cat into the cat room and set it on floor.
How does it react to the other residents?

What can adopter expect for initial behavior when they get the cat home?

What will best benefit this cat while at the shelter?

