**HSHV Blue Dot Cat   
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**Level 2 Cat Comforting Quiz: Blue Dot Cats**

**Volunteer Name: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Type of Cat: Frustrated**

1. Cats and Kittens are forced to interact with the public whether they like it or not. These types of interactions can lead to overstimulation or excess energy with little opportunity for an appropriate outlet.

True False (circle one)

1. Please check the box Yes or NO when describing characteristics of frustrated cat:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| Eyes shut to feign sleep |  |  |
| Playful Nipping |  |  |
| Inappropriate use of claws |  |  |
| Pacing the front of cage |  |  |
| Ears flattened |  |  |
| Dilated pupils |  |  |
| Destructive behavior of things in cage |  |  |
| Back of cage, immobile |  |  |
| Reaching out of cage for attention |  |  |
| May lie on side or back, offer tummy for petting |  |  |

1. Putting a frustrated cat close to high traffic areas will help keep him entertained and active.

True False (circle one)

1. Any toy a frustrated cat can hold between their paws and kick at (a sock filled with fluff), is a good fit for this type of cat

True False (circle one)

1. Describe a typical cat comforting session with a frustrated cat as a volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Cat: Fearful/shy/Anxious**

1. Reducing anxiety and fear during the first few days in a shelter can mitigate the negative effects for these cats during the first few days at the shelter.

True False (circle one)

1. Which of the following characteristics best describes a fearful/shy/anxious cat
   1. Back of cage, frozen, immobile
   2. Body/ears can be flattened
   3. Tail held tightly to body
   4. May allow touch but will remain immobile
   5. All of the above
2. Please check the box Yes or NO when identifying ways to work with fearful/shy/anxious cats:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| When interest is shown, gently scratch ears and cheeks, no further |  |  |
| Loud voices and quick movements |  |  |
| Toys tied to the cage bars or dangling from the cage bars to encourage batting and stretching |  |  |
| Soft, gently, slow and quiet interactions |  |  |
| Continue to handle cat if he stops showing social signals |  |  |
| Quiet conversation, had to smell if responsive to your voice |  |  |
| Slowly retreat from cage if, at any point, cat becomes tense or clenched during handling |  |  |
| If not interested, quietly talking to the cat outside its cage is comforting |  |  |
| Provide extra items to redirect the energy- batting toys are perfect |  |  |

1. Cats that are fearful/shy will do best if offered plenty of soft blankets and a hiding spot to retreat.

True False (circle one)

1. Forcing your presence on the fearful cat will help it get over its fears immediately and teach it to trust you.

True False (circle one)

**Type of Cat: Handling difficulty, Low Threshold**

1. This cat only allow you to pet them for a short period of time.

True False (circle one)

1. Please check the box Yes or NO when identifying solutions to working with low threshold cats:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| May mouth hand or “love bite” before actual bite attempt happens |  |  |
| Loud voices and quick movements |  |  |
| Short visits where quality has a bigger impact than quantity |  |  |
| When interest is shown, gently scratch back, tail and belly with long sweeping motions. |  |  |
| If cat is displaying above behaviors when you enter the cage, don’t touch them. Speak quietly to them for a moment and leave cage, return if cat seems to have calmed at a later point. |  |  |
| Let the cat come to you for comfort, don’t reach into their space to provide attention |  |  |
| Provide extra items to redirect the energy- batting toys are perfect |  |  |
| Let the cat rub on your hands, petting only the face and cheeks. No full body pets |  |  |
| Continue to handle cat if he stops showing social signals |  |  |

1. These cats often show more interest in toys than handing and your attention.

True False (circle one)

1. Often a low threshold cat will be loose just prior to a bite attempt. It’s important to be observant of the whole body: tail, ears, pupils during your visit.

True False (circle one)

1. Describe a typical cat comforting session with a low threshold cat:   

2. Describe the body language of a relaxed cat:

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1. An agitated cat may put their ears back, twitch their tail and/ or fluff up their coat.

True False (circle one)