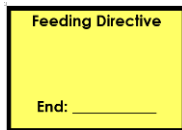


Click to Calm for Cats

1. Locate bin with pouch, clicker, treats and notebook at the Cat Comforting station (in the cat kitchen).
 - a. **Remember** - cats with any yellow feeding directive signs on their kennel cannot have any treats.



= No Treats

- b. **Locations** – you can click to calm in **only** these locations:
 - i. Kitten Room
 - ii. Uptown Cats
 - iii. Downtown Cats

2. Click, treat, walk away.
 - a. Approach the cage quietly. Click and gently toss in a treat. Walk away. Can do multiple times.
3. Click for calm behaviors.
 - a. If the cat is continuing to eat the treats, try standing near the cage and doing a short training session. You will be looking for and clicking relaxed behaviors. Click and treat for any of the following:
 - i. Soft eye contact
 - ii. Head movements toward you
 - iii. A friendly meow
 - iv. Relaxed body movements, such as outstretched paw, kneading, stretching out
 - v. Relaxed movements toward the front of the cage

4. Record only major changes in behavior in the notebook. You do not need to write a note for every animal. Note the cat's name and kennel number, then record their behavior.

- a. Negative Reactions

- i. If the cat is extremely upset by the clicking – airplane ears, growling, hissing, etc.
- ii. If the cat is extremely scared of the clicking – dilated pupils, hiding, tail tucked, etc.

- b. Positive Reactions

- i. If the cat seems to have been helped by the clicking – came out from hiding,

Reminders:

5. If a cat is fearful or shy, you can place the clicker under a small towel or dish cloth. This will make the clicking noise quieter.
6. It's ok if you click at the wrong time, just **make sure to always give a treat after clicking**. Give treats immediately after clicking.
7. Making mistakes won't "hurt" the animals. You are still giving them positive interactions and helping to reduce their stress levels while being in the shelter.