

Chicago Pet Rescue

Petco Cat Socialization Guidelines

Cat Socialization is to help our cats stay healthy and happy.

We suggest that you clean their cages first then socialize.

Socialization Area –Grooming Salon is available 1 hour **before** store closes or Employee's Lounge at the back of the store during other hours. Do **not** socialize in the cage, it's possible they will sneak out into the store.

Please use CPR **carrier** (located next to cat cages) to transport the cats to and from the designated Socialization Area so the cats can be safely exercised and socialized. We must always protect the animals as well as the volunteers, employees and customers of the store.

Each visit checklist: (All supplies provided by store, so if anything is low or missing please ask manager on duty)

1. Clean litter boxes/scooper, food/water dishes and disinfect cage
2. Keep supplies separated for bottom and top cages, we don't want to mix them
3. Keep litter and scooper supplies away from food supplies
4. Add more litter to the litter boxes (replace all litter at end of the week) and jug (if low)
5. Give fresh water, dry food (**Nutro**) and wet food (if instructions noted for cat)
6. Play, cuddle and love them
7. Clean carrier after each cat. This way each cat doesn't get upset at the smell of the previous cat.
8. Report any issues or progress via online CPR Cat Socialization Form *same night* and send pictures via email to volunteer@chicagopetrescue.org

We suggest spending **1-2 hours** and coming later (**after 6:30pm**) so they will be ok overnight.

Your visit will give them what they need most; clean cage, people interaction and exercise. Each cat has toys, bed or towel available. Beds or towels are cleaned each weekend by store unless a cat is adopted, then should be cleaned right away.

We want to know if there are any health or behavioral issues so we can monitor or intervene. Do not attempt to clip nails on your own. Please use judgment on brushing the cats. Some cats do not like to be brushed and we want this to be a good experience for everyone. It helps to know as much about the cat as possible. Knowing what they like or don't like, can help us with matching them with the right adopter. We don't want to adopt out an active cat with someone who wants a more laid back cat or vice versa.

If someone is interested in a cat or have any questions you can direct them to our mini flyers that have our website. If no mini flyers or applications (on table next to cages) are available let the manager know they need to print more. If someone has submitted an application and the store has not emailed it to us, you can take a picture of the application and email it to followup@chicagopetrescue.org ASAP.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your support!