

Chicago Pet Rescue

Petsmart Socialization Guidelines

Pet Socialization is to help our animals stay healthy and happy.

We suggest that you clean their cages first then socialize.

Socialization Area –Ask Manager to unlock cat room/cages of CPR cats/pets ONLY. If you have to leave the room for any reason, be sure to lock all the cages and room.

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 litter and scooper supplies away from food supplies
3. Add more litter to the litter boxes (replace all litter if looks really dirty)
4. Give fresh water, dry food and wet food (if instructions noted for cat)
5. Play, cuddle and love them
6. Bring fresh fruit/veggies for other animals such as rabbits –see acceptable list below.
7. Report any issues or progress via online CPR Cat Socialization Form *same night* and send pictures via email to followup@chicagopetrescue.org

We suggest spending **1-2 hours** and coming later (**after 6:30pm**) so they will have a clean cage overnight but anytime is good for socialization.

Your visit will give them what they need most; clean cage, people interaction and exercise. Each cat should have 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 a versa.

If someone is interested in a cat give them an application but if they have any questions about volunteering or general CPR questions you can direct them to our website. Applications are in table in plastic drawer. If they are running low, let the manager know they need to print more. If someone has submitted an application while you are there, 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!

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Bunny Guide

Here is a link to help holding them: <http://www.wikihow.com/Hold-a-Rabbit>

Feel free to bring some veggies to help make friends with the bunnies but again you don't have to, especially on such short notice.

LIST OF POSSIBLE FOODS TO FEED

NOTE: It is always preferable to buy organic produce if at all possible. If collecting wild foods such as dandelion greens, make sure they are from a pesticide-free area. All fresh foods regardless of the source should be washed or scrubbed (in the case of hard vegetables) before serving them to your rabbit.

LEAFY GREENS

These foods should make up about 75% of the fresh portion of your rabbit's diet (about 1 packed cup per 2 lbs of body weight per day).

Leafy Greens I (need to be rotated due to oxalic acid content and only 1 out of three varieties of greens a day should be from this list)

- Parsley
- Spinach
- Mustard greens
- Beet greens
- Swiss chard
- Radish tops
- Sprouts (from 1 to 6 days after sprouting, sprouts have higher levels of alkaloids)

Leafy Greens II (low in oxalic acid)

- Arugula
- Carrot tops
- Cucumber leaves
- Endive
- Ecarole
- Frisee Lettuce
- Kale (all types)
- Mache
- Red or green lettuce
- Romaine lettuce
- Spring greens
- Turnip greens
- Dandelion greens
- Mint (any variety)
- Basil (any variety)
- Watercress
- Wheatgrass
- Chicory
- Raspberry leaves
- Cilantro
- Radicchio
- Bok Choy
- Fennel (the leafy tops as well as the base)
- Borage leaves
- Dill leaves
- Yu choy

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NON-LEAFY VEGETABLES

These should be no more than about 15 % of the diet (About 1 tablespoon per 2 lbs of body weight per day).

- Carrots
- Broccoli (leaves and stems)
- Edible flowers (roses, nasturtiums, pansies, hibiscus)
- Celery
- Bell peppers (any color)
- Chinese pea pods (the flat kind without large peas)
- Brussel sprouts
- Cabbage (any type)
- Broccolini
- Summer squash
- Zucchini squash

FRUITS

These should be no more than 10% of the diet (about 1 teaspoon per 2 lbs of body weight per day).

NOTE: unless otherwise stated it is more nutritious to leave the skin on the fruit (particularly if organic), just wash thoroughly. IF you are in doubt about the source of the fruit and you are concerned about chemicals in the skin, then remove it.

- Apple (any variety, without stem and seeds)
- Cherries (any variety, without the pits)
- Pear
- Peach
- Plum (without the pits)
- Kiwi
- Papaya
- Mango
- Berries (any type)
- Berries (uncooked)
- Pineapple (remove skin)
- Banana (remove peel; no more than about 2 1/8 inch slices a day for a 5 lb rabbit...they LOVE this!)
- Melons (any – can include peel and seeds)
- Star Fruit
- Apricot
- Currants
- Nectarine