

Loudoun Scale of Behavioral Concern for Confined Animals



Low

Environment is low-stress and “home-like”
Provided with exercise and socialization typically seen in an average home
FAS Score of zero on the Fear Free scale

Mild

Opportunities provided outside of kennel provide hours, or days, of relaxation afterwards
Animal is slow to engage with enrichment
Animal recovers from stress quickly when on walks or in an office
FAS Score of zero to 1 on the Fear Free scale

Moderate

May require appetite stimulant for adequate calorie intake
Increasingly selective sociability with same species and people
Difficult to get back into kennel
Showing inappropriate or new elimination habits
Jumpy and mouthy or aggressive behavior escalates around kenneling
FAS Score of 2 to 3 on the Fear Free scale

Severe

Demonstrates significant stereotypic behaviors such as wall bouncing, spinning, self-mutilation, overgrooming, pacing.
Inability to relax when removed from high-stress environment
Inability to recover from common medical issues (anorexia, GI upset, URI)
Profound decline from behaviors seen on intake
Fear or aggression is too severe to safely and humanely provide out-of-kennel time
FAS Score of 4 to 5 on the Fear Free scale