

Action Plan for Long Stay Cattery Cats

To ensure emotional and physical well-being of the cats in our care, it is important that any cat who has become a “long stay” resident of a cattery be evaluated at 60 days and 90 days to determine if a “cattery break” or other action is needed.

60 Days

Adoption Counselor will alert the Cat Behavior Team Manager that a cat has been in the same cattery for 60 days. Cat Behavior Team Manager will assess the cat’s temperament, behavior, and emotional state, either in person or through communication with adoption counselor/s who frequently work with the cat.

If the cat appears to be emotionally comfortable and happy in the shelter environment

- Determine why cat has not yet been adopted and create a specific action plan for getting this cat. Cat Marketing Manager must be alerted and asked to create a marketing push for this cat.
- Provide additional enrichment (larger enclosure, time out of enclosure, play therapy, etc.)
- Monitor closely for any signs of emotional degradation
- Cat Adoption Manager may move cat to a new cattery location.

If the cat is not emotionally comfortable and happy in the shelter environment:

- A foster home will immediately be sought for the cat for a minimum of two weeks.
- A plan for getting the cat adopted should be developed. Cat Marketing Manager must be asked to create a marketing push for this cat.

90 Days

Adoption Counselor will alert the Cat Behavior Team Manager and Cat Adoption Manager that a cat has been in the same cattery for 90 days. Cat Behavior Team Manager will assess the cat’s temperament and behavior, either in person or through communication with adoption counselor/s who frequently work with the cat.

- Cat Behavior Team Manager will make recommendation of whether the cat should move to a new location or to a temporary foster home.
- Cat Adoption Manager will move the cat to one of these options, unless special circumstances require the cat to remain.
- Cat Adoption Manager will ensure that the Cat Marketing Manager is actively pursuing appropriate marketing of the cat.

Cats moved into a foster home should have a minimum of a two week ‘cattery break’ before returning and should appear emotionally healthy and with good quality of life.

No cat should remain in a cage for longer than 60 days, unless required by Medical Team. At 60 days of stay in a cage, cat must be moved into an open enclosure or seek foster placement unless otherwise directed by Medical Team, Cat Adoption Manager, or Cat Behavior Team Manager.