

WELCOME!

JV Cat Comforting Training Session Two

Agenda

- Cat Body Language Quick Review
- Challenges with Visiting Cats at HSHV
- Animal Visitation Time (about 60 minutes)
- What's next
- Questions

Animal Body Language Review











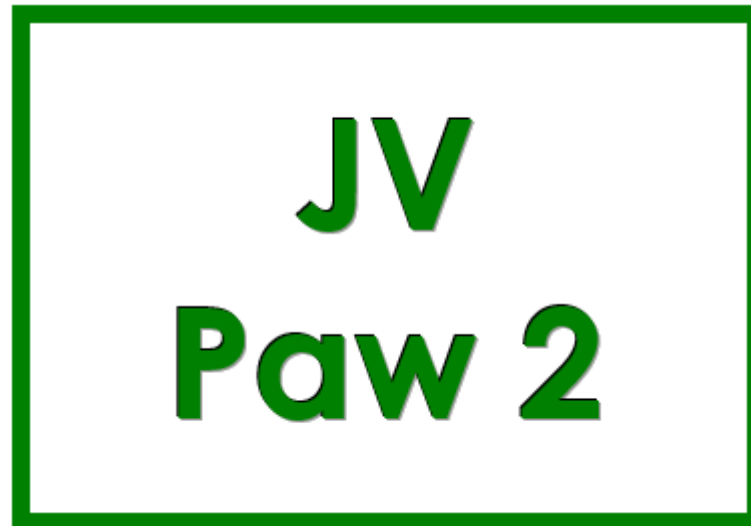
What is JV Paw 2 Cat Comforting?

- Allows JVs to work with cats in Uptown and Downtown areas
- Provides care to cats who may be more challenging or need extra special attention



Who Can You Visit With?

- “JV Paw 2” designated cats
- Only in either Paw 1 OR Paw 2 area, not both



Working with Cats in Cages

- Presents new challenges
 - ▣ Fewer places for the cat to hide
 - ▣ Smaller space to work with
 - ▣ More “intrusive” to the cats
 - ▣ Easier to “escape” for cats
 - ▣ Fomite transfer



Help Our Animals to Be the Best!

- ❑ Discourage rough play
- ❑ Keep them in their space (not on your lap or out of the kennel)
- ❑ Use calm, gentle petting
 - ▣ Slow, one handed petting in the direction the fur grows
 - ▣ Avoid petting cat's stomachs
- ❑ Respond to their cues and needs
 - ▣ Pay attention to cat body language throughout your visit



Uptown and Downtown Challenges

- Cage doors
 - ▣ Be sure they are closed!
- People entering and exiting the room
- Cats who try to exit the cage
- Loose cats



Exiting or Entering the Kennels/Rooms

- Training opportunity
 - ▣ Make animals wait patiently before entering/exiting
- Use your body as a barrier
- Use food or toys as a distraction
- Get assistance from staff/volunteers



Loose Animals

- ❑ Prevention is the key!
- ❑ Yell “Loose _____”
- ❑ Give location
- ❑ Watch the animal
- ❑ Do not try to get the animal back in their kennel once they have left the doorway



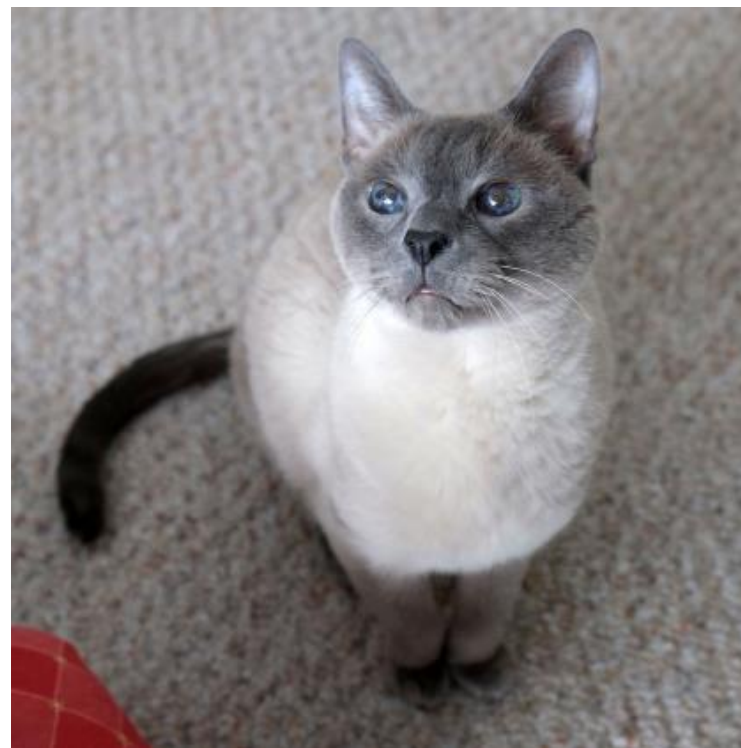
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Let's Visit Our Animals!

Come back 10 minutes before class is over 😊



What's Next?

□ After Today

- ▣ You may sign up for “JV Cat Comforting” and “JV Paw 2 Cat Comforting” (these shifts will be made available to you in your VIC account).

Reminders: Cat Visitation Order



FIRST – Kittens (without Watch Sticker)



Should not have this sticker



LAST – Adult Cats (in condos with JV Approved Cage card or in communal rooms, which are almost always JV approved)

Reminders...

- ❑ You may only volunteer for what you sign up for!
- ❑ If you do any shelter cleaning, you cannot visit with more animals that day
- ❑ You may not bring friends or family members with you (unless they are a JV or adult volunteer and have signed up for a shift)
- ❑ You should only plan on staying for your assigned shift
- ❑ Make room for guests who are interested in adopting

New shifts open to all JV Paw 2 Volunteers!

No additional training required. Cat and dog JV Paw 2's welcome!



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**“Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center: JV Paw 2 Cat Enrichment”
(Thurs, 4-5:30pm)**

**“Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center: JV Paw 2 Cat Feeding”
(Tues-Fri, 4:30-5:30pm and Sat-Sun 4-5pm)**

QUESTIONS?

