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TLC-AM Cat Care Assistant

The AM Cat Care Assistant will be working alongside a staff member for this assignment in the morning care of cats at the café. Tasks that volunteers will be assisting with include:

- Helping with daily inventory-helping finding cats who may be "hiding"
- Helping with taking pictures (only for new cats being brought over)
- Helping to make collars (for new cats and/or replacement as needed for cats currently at the café)
- Helping with AM Wet Food Feeding
- Helping with weights and prepping medications

Getting Started- Order of Tasks

New Cats Transferred

Volunteer will go to kitchen and prep exam table

Staff will bring cats/kittens into the kitchen

Volunteer will assist with taking pictures of new cats and make collars for staff to put on

Volunteer will help with daily weights and preparation of meds

Wet Food Feeding

No New Cats Transferred

Wet Food Feeding

Volunteer will go to kitchen and prep exam table

Volunteer will help with daily weights and preparation of meds and new collars if needed

TLC- AM Cat Care Wet Food Feeding

Please note: This task is part of the AM Cat Care Assistant shift

START:

✓ Wash your hands

STEPS:

- 1. Ask staff how many adult cats and kittens we have. There will be a Feeding Tracking Sheet and you can ask for the daily inventory sheet to be able to identify the cats (located at the front desk)
- 2. Set aside the number of small bowls equal to the number of cats.
- 3. Grab cans of adult food and kitten food depending on the number of each
 - a. You will want approximately 1 oz per cat (~ 1.5 tablespoons)
 - b. If kittens and adults are kept separately, mix adult food and kitten food separately. If kittens and adults are mixed you may combine all food and distribute evenly (in this case, try to use an all life stages food variety).
 - c. Try and stick to the same brand/flavor and cats will usually prefer pate style over shreds.
- 4. Grab a large bowl to mix in. We have large stainless steel mixing bowls, but large food bowls will work too.
- 5. Add small amount of water, $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ cup depending on the amount of wet food. The food should be wet and mushy, but not soupy!
- 6. Mix with fork or potato masher.
- 7. Evenly distribute the wet food among the small bowls from step 2
- 8. Place bowls on a tray (located on the laundry counter) and carry out to the cats (you can make multiple trips as needed).
- 9. Place 1 bowl directly in front of each cat. Ask staff if you can't find all of the cats. If any cats are fighting over food, move the bowls further apart and direct the cats to them.
 - a. Mark on the feeding chart who has eaten some food with a check mark or a dash if the cat did not eat.

FND:

- ✓ Return to the back room and rinse out the mixing bowl/utensils and add them to the grey dirty dish bin at the bottom of the dry food cart.
- ✓ Rinse out cat food cans and place in recycle bin.

Wet Food Feeding

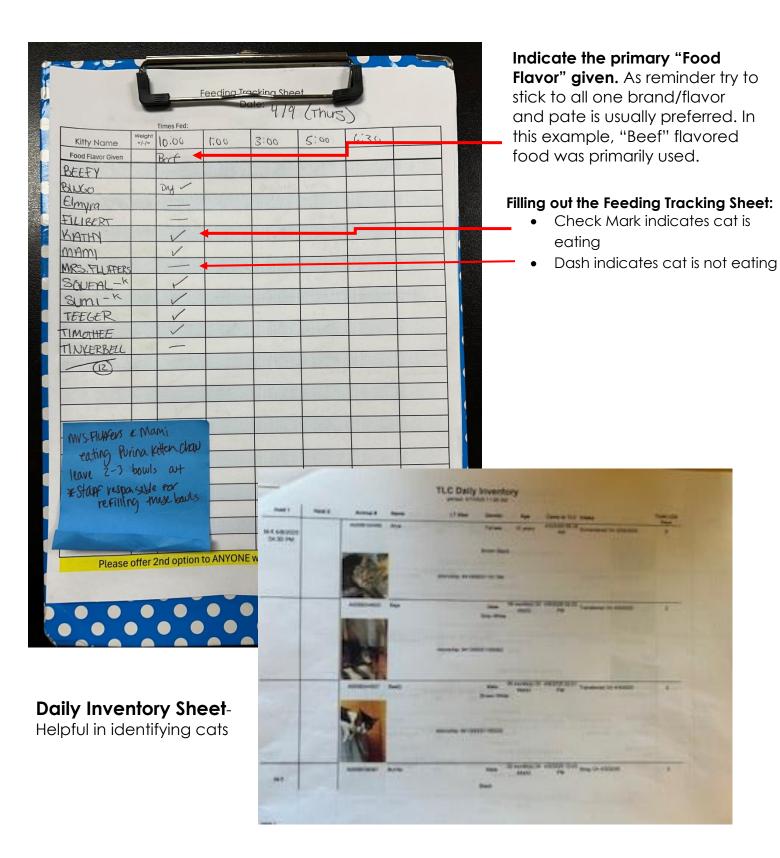
1.) Unload the dishwasher if needed (located in the kitchen) you will need 15-20 small bowls, a masher or fork, and a large stainless mixing bowl. All other dishes can go on the food and water cart in the back room.





- 3 large or 6 small cans of pate style wet cat food.
- Pate style is preferred, but if we are low on pate, you can use the gravy-style to supplement.
- **2.)** Empty all cans into the bowl, rinse the cans and place in the recycle bin.
- **3.)** Add hot water to soften/moisten, .25-.5 cup depending on the number of cans you used.
- **4.)** Mash to mix.
- 5.) Rinse masher and leave in sink for washing.
- 6.) Depending on how many cats are in the café, use 15-20 bowls to evenly put food into.
 - ➤ If there are kittens, staff will do feeding: <u>CCP-010-Kitten Setup and Care</u>
- **7.)** Get a tray and put all of the bowls onto it. You might have to make 2 trips! **Now you are ready to feed!**
- **8.)** Give all felines a bowl of food. Try to make sure each cat gets one bowl of food and other cats aren't hording all the food to themselves.
- **9.)** Using the Daily inventory sheet and the Feed Tracking Log (located at the front desk), help staff in identifying who has eaten and who is not.





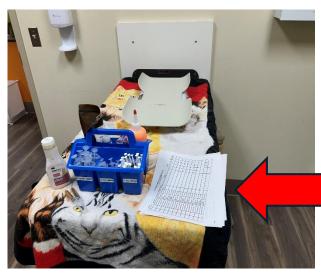
Preparing for Weights & Medications Supplies Needed (All located in the kitchen)



- Towel
- Scale
- Bin with Collars
- Caddy with Syringes
- Rebound (located in the refrigerator)



- Med Sheets (from staff)
 - Gather any meds needed (see example below)
- Daily Inventory/Weigh-In Chart (from staff)



Exam table set and ready!

Assisting with Medications & Weights

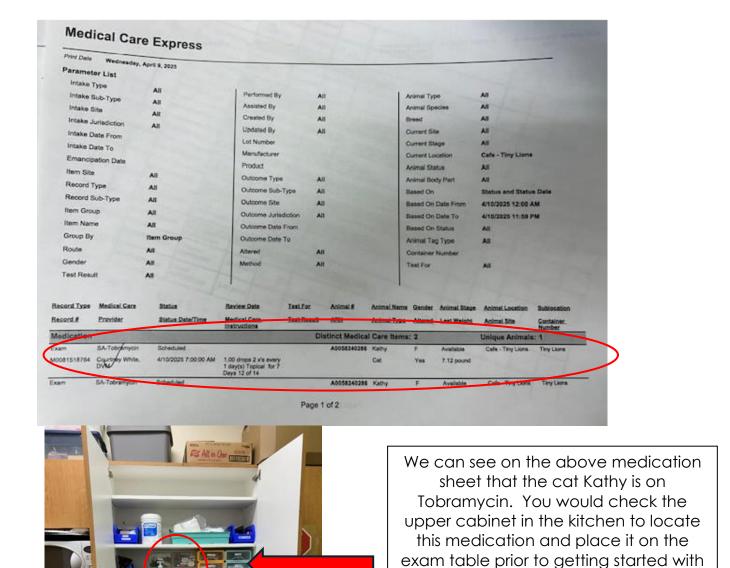
Please note <u>that staff will administer medication</u>. Volunteers will help in drawing up & setting out medications, locating cats, and recording information.

| AM PM | Microchip# | Name / Animal# | Last Weight | Weight | Comments | Wt | check? Incision | Rdb | PetPoint | t SVT |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|--------------------|------|----------|-------|
| / | 941000031192025 | Beefy A0058244627 | 9.29 pound | 9.64 | | 3 63 | | 1883 | | 1 |
| / | 941010002863891 | Bingo A0058244601 | 7.46 pound | | | 9 | | | | |
| / | 941000028860753 | Elmyra A0058232948 | 8.24 pound | 8.07 | 17 and Day | V | | / | | |
| / | 941010002912419 | Filiberdagibit A0058091465 | 6.81 pound | | | | | | | |
| | 941010002975748 | Kathy A0058240286 | 7.12 pound | 7.63 | + ,51 | 1 | whe | | | |
| | 981020053773525 | Mami A0058244658 | 7.04 pound | 6.97 | 07 and Day | / | | / | | |
| 1 | 941000031192572 | Mrs. Fluffers A0058213223 | 8.41 pound | 8.44 | +.03 | V | / | | | |
| | 941010002957246 | Squeal A0058247394 | 2.28 pound | 2.33 | +,05 | ~ | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 941010002945738 | Sumi A0058088552 | 4.28 pound | 4.17 | 11 1st Day | | | | | |
| ~ | 981020053432765 | Teeger A0058244593 | 6.14 pound | | | | | | | |
| | 941010002895426 | Timothee Chalameow A0058234450 | 10.10 pound | 10.93 | + 0.93 | ~ | 1 | | | |
| | 941000031191968 | Tinkerbell A0058244661 | 8.27 pound | | | | | | | |
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Filling Out the Daily Inventory/Weigh-In Chart

- 1. Help staff as needed in locating the cat to be weighed. Once located, check the "AM" column on the far-left hand side.
- 2. When staff reads off a cat's current weight, write that number in the "Weight" column
- 3. Look at the "Last Weight" column and in the "Comments" line indicate if there is loss (-) or a gain (+) and what the difference is. You will also indicate if it is a 1st day or 2nd day loss
 - a. If a 2nd day loss, staff will indicate how much rebound will need to be given. Use a syringe and draw up the amount needed and hand to staff. Indicate Rebound was given by checking the "**Rbd**" column
 - b. Any weight losses are highlighted
- 4. Staff will also check the incision of cats who has surgery recently, indicate that has been checked in the "**Incision**" column
- 5. Be sure to return the completed chart, along with the medication sheet, and inventory sheet back to staff.

Medication Sheet Example



Taking Photos & Collars

If a cat/kitten is new to TLC they will need both a photo and collar made.

- 1. Grab a collar from the bin and write the cat/kitten's name on the collar. You may need to assist staff putting the collar on.
 - There may be times during the weight check process that a cat/kitten needs to have a new collar made as the existing one is ripping/crumbled.

weights & medications.

- 2. For photos, most often, staff will be holding the cat/kitten and staff will provide the device to take the photo. Here are some tips:
 - If possible, try and take 3 good, clear shots of the animal Ideally, you'll have a head shot, a body shot, and a fun shot (e.g., smile, stretch, playing, etc.)
 - Avoid photographing cage bars and litterboxes, and try to get "soft eyes and mouth" (e.g., not scared or wide pupils).