



Category 1: Physical and Emotional

MANDATORY

1.14 Patients and/or pets in boarding are given enough space to eliminate in a different area than their resting area and/or taken outside to eliminate at least 4 times in 24 hours.

- If a practice is unable to take a pet out 4 times in a 24-hour period, then the housing must be large enough to allow the pet to relieve him or herself and have enough room to lie down without lying in the soiled area.
- Feline housing must have enough room to accommodate an elevated resting platform as well as a litter box.
- Cats observed to be resting in a litter box due to lack of space or other options may result in failing to meet this standard.
- <https://indoorpet.osu.edu/sites/indoorpet/files/assets/documents/CageSetUpPoster.pdf>
- https://indoorpet.osu.edu/sites/indoorpet/files/assets/documents/handouts/Environmental_Enrichment_for_Confined_Cats_512.pdf

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1.15 Patients and/or pets in boarding are regularly provided with positive daily social interactions with people, opportunities for exercise are given, and enrichment is provided. Caregivers should be assigned to care for the same animals on a regular basis whenever possible.

Enrichment may include but are not limited to:

- One-on-one time with team members
- Time outside of housing
- Food puzzles
- Toys
- Catnip
- Blowing bubbles
- TV
- Music

- Fear Free Webinar: Care of Hospitalized and Boarding Patients
- Fear Free Boarding Checklist and Consent Form (Level 2)
- Fear Free Pet Boarding Client Handout (Level 2)