



Category 1: Physical and Emotional

MANDATORY

1.15 Animals 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

standard is considered met if 'N/A-service not provided' is selected

- 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 lay down without laying in the soiled area.
- Feline housing must have enough room to accommodate an elevated resting platform as well as a litter box.
- During the onsite visit, a cat observed to be resting in a litter box *due to lack of space or lack of 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](https://indoorpet.osu.edu/sites/indoorpet/files/assets/documents/handouts/Environmental_Enrichment_for_Confined_Cats_512.pdf)

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1.16 Animals in boarding are provided with daily positive social interaction including but not limited to social interactions with people, physical exercise and other environmental enrichments. During their stay, animals should be cared for by the same practice team member whenever possible.

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Enrichments may include but are not limited to:

- Time outside of housing longer than is needed for bathroom duties with the opportunity to:
 - Sniff
 - play +/- socialize with people
 - play +/- socialize with other animals IF deemed safe & owner has given consent
- Food puzzles
- Toys
- Catnip
- Blowing bubbles
- TV, music, audiobooks
- Scratching substrate (cats)



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SOP: Same practice team member provides care for boarding animals

- SOP should include HOW you ensure animals are cared for by the same practice team member during that member's workday

Additional Resources:

- 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)