

Site Policies

PURPOSE

This document defines the policy and procedures for operating offsite catteries.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all offsite cat program staff and volunteers.

POLICY

APA! offsite cat program staff and volunteers will operate offsite catteries in accordance with the documented procedures.

PROCEDURES

Sending cats offsite

- a. Find out how many cats are needed at each site.
- b. Use the procedures in this document to determine which cats to send to the different APA! offsite locations.
- c. Print out medical records for each cat and place them inside of each cat's folder.
- d. Print out/locate rabies certificate (if required) for each cat and place it inside of cat's folder.

General rules

- All cats going offsite should be spayed/neutered. Tarrytown is the only exception.
- All cats going offsite should be healthy or at least not contagious.
- Cats going offsite should have vaccines that are as up to date as possible given the age of the cats in question.
- Only Tarrytown, and PETCO locations can accept a FIV+ cat.

PetSmart guidelines (applies to all PetSmart locations)

- Cats must be healthy, not on any medications or special diets.
- Rabies & FVRCP vaccines must be up to date.
- All cats must have a current, signed rabies certificate in their folder.
- Cats should ideally not be missing any limbs, eyes, etc., or be "imperfect" in any way.
- Adult cats must be okay going into single enclosures.
- Kittens must get along as they will be placed inside of a kitty condo designed for a small group of kittens.

Petco guidelines

- Rabies & FVRCP vaccines should ideally be up to date but this is not a requirement.
- Rabies certificate should be transported with cat but this is not a requirement.
- Cats must be group-room ready and cat-friendly.
- Cats should ideally be healthy, however, cats can be on once daily meds if their illness is not contagious and their meds do not need to be refrigerated.
- Cats cannot be on special diets.
- Kittens may be younger than 4 months, but must have had at least two FVRCP boosters.

Tarrytown guidelines

- Rabies & FVRCP vaccines should be up to date but this is not a requirement.
- Rabies certificate should be transported with cat but this is not a requirement.
- Can take cat-friendly FIV+ cats.
- Can take some cats on special diets -- ask first though.
- Can take cats deemed "imperfect" by PetSmart.
- Cats can be on refrigerated meds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding this policy, contact document owner.