

the data card

When a cat is processed through intake, he needs to be assigned a data card. Intake personnel should fill out the top portion of the card.


The “date made available for adoption” line is to be used by facilities that track the length of stay for both pre- and post-adoption availability.

Data collection begins the morning after a cat arrives at the facility and is collected at three points in time. The first time point is the morning after the day of arrival (day one); second, late afternoon of day one; and finally, the morning of day two.

For example, if Fuzzy enters the facility on October 5th (regardless of time), data collection will begin the morning of October 6th, continue the late afternoon of the 6th, and then finish the morning of the 7th.

The animal care technicians responsible for feeding and cleaning the cats are responsible for filling out the data cards.

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! Data collection should begin the morning after the cat's date of arrival.

cat's name **age**

ID# **breed**

(M) (MX) (F) (FX)
color **sex**

(Y) (N)
declawed? **shelter**

date of arrival
date available

DATE OF DAY 1 _____	DAY 1		DAY 2		
body posture	AM	PM	AM		
soft and relaxed				add 1 point	1
tense body with twitching tail				add 1 point	
flattened body with dilated pupils				deduct 1 point	
body posture total					
condition of cage	AM	PM	AM		2
bedding/cage paper moved, cat hiding under				deduct 1 point	
cage rearranged, cat on top or not hiding				add 1 point	
no change				no points	
other, please describe				no points	
condition of cage total					
social response when door is opened	AM	PM	AM		3
remains relaxed and soft, approaches me				add 1 point	
remains relaxed and soft, does not approach				no points	
becomes stiff with tight tail flicks and standing				add 1 point	
crouches, body stiff				deduct 1 point	
social response total					
food (Day One a.m. only)	AM				4
ate at least 1/4 of food (circle one)	Y N			if yes, add 1 point	

feline-ality™ data card

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There are four areas that need to be observed during the data collection time:

soft

A relaxed body, including relaxed ears and relaxed tail without stiffness.

stiff

A tense body, often with ears flattened, or ears quite erect, tail flicking and body generally not relaxed.

1

body posture

The evaluator is to take a quick mental snapshot as she approaches the cage. She should not call out or coax the cat, but simply look toward the cat when approaching while carefully observing his body posture. There are three likely body postures: **soft** and relaxed body, tense body, and flattened body.

2

condition of cage

As the evaluator approaches the cage, she should also note its condition. Has the cat moved bedding, paper, bowls; and if so, where is the cat in relation to those items? Cats may move their bedding/paper and hide under them, cats may rearrange cage items and be on top of those items or simply not hiding under them, or cats may not make any cage modifications – this is marked as no change.

3

social response

After the evaluator has approached the cage and observed the two items above, she should calmly and slowly open the cage door while watching the cat. This should be done without talking to the cat. Observe the cat at the moment the door is initially opened. Cats are likely to respond by: staying relaxed and soft and approaching the evaluator, staying relaxed and soft but not approaching the evaluator, becoming **stiff** with tight tail flicks while standing or moving to a standing position, or crouching with a stiff body.

4

food

The final data collection category should only be used the morning of day one. Take note of whether or not the cat has eaten at least a quarter of his food from his first night in the facility. Circle 'Y' or 'N' on the Feline-ality™ data card.

Mark the appropriate boxes with an X for the observed behaviors. Make sure that all three observations are recorded at each data collection period (and food consumption is noted at the first collection period) as these observations will be converted to points toward the cat's Feline-ality™ Assessment score. Keep the data card with the cat so that the card is easily accessible to the Feline-ality™ evaluator.