Intake Behavior Assessment - Feline

Assess animal’s behavior in carrier (15 seconds)
- Coming to the front
- Relaxed
- Rubbing on cage door
- Ears forward
- Soft eye
- Staying in back of carrier
- Unwilling to exit on own
- Pupils dilated
- Ears back
- Body small

Approach carrier using proper technique with towel
Open door to see if cat willing to walk out by herself (30 secs)

Cat willingly exits

- Slightly tilt carrier to see if this encourages an exit
- If not, gently attempt to remove cat

Cat unwilling to exit

Flight Mode
- Cat retreats to back of carrier

No resistance
- Gently remove cat from carrier & wrap in towel

Fight Mode
- Hissing/growling
- Back of carrier or lunging
- Swatting

Cover carrier with a pheromone-sprayed towel
- Weigh cat in carrier
- Transfer cat to cage

- Hold carrier up to cage & open door
- Allow cat to choose to walk into cage
- Gently lift back end of carrier to encourage movement, if needed

Cat willingly enters cage
- Weigh carrier to obtain accurate weight
- Vet performs visual exam (15 secs)

Cat refuses to exit
- Consider inducing through carrier
- Note cat as Incomplete Exam & Caution on paperwork

- Vet performs visual exam in carrier & estimates weight (15 secs)

Get weight & vet performs exam (1 min)

- Administer gabapentin to cat per vet

Updated: 12/8/20