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Transition Instructions for Employ a Cat Adopters

- Each new cat must be confined to an escape-proof area for 2-4 weeks. It may seem cruel to keep the cat in a cage, but it is the best way to increase their chance of long term survival.
- The purpose of the confinement is to give them a chance to get used to their new surroundings and prevent them from running away at the time of release.
- Ideally the cat should be confined to the area where they will eventually be living, so they can get used to the sights and smells.
- Safe confinement areas may include a tack room, empty stall, garage or other enclosed area. If this is not available, we can lend you a large wire crate for a \$60 refundable deposit. The confinement area should be part of the cat's future territory.
- Make sure the confinement area it is not too hot or cold.
- If you adopt more than one feline employee, the confinement area should be big enough to keep the cats separate.
- The cat must have a litter box (you'll need to clean this daily), hiding box and clean bedding or straw in the confinement area.
- Feed the cat regularly and at the same time each day. This will allow the cat to get used to the location and time that they will receive food once they are roaming free.
- Keep putting the food and water out for the cat after you have released them, even if you do not see them for a few days. They are likely to be hiding, but will come out for food and water when they are comfortable.
- You'll be given veterinary records for your cat. Please hold onto these so that you know when they need rabies vaccines, annual de-worming or flea treatments.
- Semi-feral cats may become more social after they get to know you, but do not be surprised if you see very little of your cat employees.



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Continued Care for Cat Employees

- Cat employees must receive fresh cat food and water daily. Hungry cats do not make good mousers.
- Continue feeding them in the same place so they will know where to find their food. If you want to move the food dish, move it towards the new location gradually.
- To prevent wildlife and rodents from eating the cat's food, we suggest you feed your cat twice a day at set times and remove the food 30 minutes after mealtime.
- The cat must always have access to a warm, dry shelter with clean bedding.
- Your cat should always have access to a safe elimination spot---whether this is outdoors or a regularly-cleaned litterbox.
- If you live in an area known for coyotes, please consider confining your cat to a safe, indoor area at night until they know the area well enough to stay safe.
- Your cat employee may need to be seen by a vet periodically for vaccinations and parasite control. We recommend adding a crushed wormer to their food 1-2 times a year and to keep the cat on regular flea preventative.
- If you need to trap your feline employee, we rent humane traps for \$6 a day, plus a fully-refundable \$80 deposit.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your cat, please email employacat@pasadenahumane.org.