

CFA Animal Welfare - CFA Breeders Assistance & Breed Rescue Program

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We want to share this article especially for all the new folks, it is very beneficial when planning your cattery capacity. This is a helpful guide.

Cattery Basic Time Management Tips

University of Florida, College of Veterinary

This was a study presented by Dr. Kate Hurley, DVM, MVP, director Koret Shelter Medicine Program, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, "Professional Standards of Care for Animal Shelters". (I am sure you can contact Dr. Kate Hurley for more information. I do not think it is an AR type study issue).

We want to share a very basic cattery time management tip, from University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine Study. I shared this in a Regional newsletter several years ago, it was presented by Maddie's Shelter Medicine Conference -University of Florida that I attended. I hope you find it helpful in your cattery management.

For the purpose of shelter management, which also applies to catteries and kennels, you need to allow (fifteen) 15 MINUTES per Day, per CAT/KITTEN, for BASIC care. ie: Food, water, litter, spot clean cage, cursory touch-handle pet. If you have 25 cats, that means you need 375 minutes per day, divided by 60 minutes in a hour, 6.25 hours every day for just BASIC care!

This does NOT include any medications, bathing, birthing, bottle feeding, etc. that we experience in a cattery. And don't forget to consider outside work, many breeders have a job which leaves less time. So please take a look at your "capacity" needs. Once you exceed your capacity, you can no longer provide the "Five Freedoms" below. Do you have outside help? Enough hours in the day to meet needs of family, home and cats?

Our precious pedigree cat(s) need at least 15 minutes of our time each day!

University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine:

"Five Freedoms" to ensure well being of our pets in shelters, catteries and kennels.

- **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.

- **Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- **Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- **Freedom to Express Normal Behavior** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animals own kind.
- **Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

If you need to downsize, please do so. We will help, CONFIDENTIAL, contact us before you are so overwhelmed or Animal Control gets involved, it is much easier on the cats to steadily get them placed. Also consider mentoring a new breeder with your line. Thank you!

We are continuing to gather funds for the Felines in need in the Ukraine they need cat food. We help Rolandus Cat Club, Kiev to distribute cat food to needy felines throughout the country and the Doberkit Rescue and Vets who treat injured felines to help them with cat food.

We hope all were able to help the Hawaii Felines in need. CFA BAP-BRP donated \$500 to the shelter recommended by Mike Shelton.

We are still collecting funds for a 22-cat Texas HHP Rescue that was quite expensive.

We are working on the groups of felines we took in in July, many have completed vetting and are ready for adoption rescue floor transfer. Thankful that our intake has slowed up a bit this month.

If you wish to donate to a special breed or rescue cause, you may specify the cause in your memo of the donation. We honor all our earmarked funding.

To donate: <https://breedersassist-rescue.cfa.org/donations.html>

Thank you for your donations and help!

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