

Cat pre-admission template

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(for use by pounds and shelters when someone has found the cat/does not know their history or the cat has been impounded)

Questions	Answers
1 Where did you find the cat?	
2 Did the cat approach you in response to being called or when it saw you? If not, what did the animal do when you approached?	
3 Did the cat eat when offered food (if applicable)? If so, how did they approach the food?	
4 Were you able to pat and hold the cat? If so, how did they respond?	
5 Who transported the cat to the rehoming organisation and how?	
6 What did the cat do during transportation?	

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7 What did the cat do when it saw another animal (if applicable)?	
8 What did the cat do when it saw another person besides you (if applicable)?	
9 What environments did you expose the cat to? (your backyard, closed room in a house etc)	
10 How long was the cat in your care?	
11 Is there any other information about the cat you would like to provide?	

Cat surrender information

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(for use by a previous owner/owner agent surrendering the cat)

Questions	Yes/No	Further information
1 What are the reasons for surrendering the cat?		
2 If known, where was the cat originally acquired (e.g. breeder, shelter, rescue)? How long was it at this location?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
3 If known, where has the cat previously lived? If possible, include the length of time at each location.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
4 Does the cat have any known injuries, medical conditions or behavioural issues?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
5 Does the cat have a particular daily routine? If yes, what is it?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
6 Does the cat have any favourite activities or toys? If yes, what are they?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
7 What type of food is the cat given? Do they have any favourite foods? Are there any foods that cause an adverse reaction (i.e. diarrhoea)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
8 Is the cat litter trained? How many litter trays are provided for the cat?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
9 Does the cat regularly urinate or defecate outside of the litter box?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
10 Does the cat have preferences in relation to litter tray, placement or litter type?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
11 Has the cat lived with other cats/dogs/animals before? If yes, what animals? What were their breeds and ages?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
12 If applicable, how does the cat typically behave when interacting or living with other animals?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

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13 Has the cat lived with other people before? If yes, roughly what age were the people (children, adults, elderly)? How does the cat typically behave when interacting with these people?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
14 Did the cat interact regularly with unknown people? What was their behaviour around unknown people?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
15 Did the cat have access to the outdoors? Or are they kept inside?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
16 If the cat has access to outdoors, how frequently are they outside (i.e. daytime access, 24/7 access)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
17 What type of property does the cat live on (for example inner urban, suburban, rural)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
18 Have there been any behavioural challenges with the cat (e.g. fear, aggression, excessive vocalisation)? If yes, what were the challenging behaviours? When did they occur? And have there been any attempts to address the challenge (either through formal intervention or in the home/institution)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
19 What training techniques have been utilised to manage the cat's behaviour?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
20 How does the cat behave in a cat carrier and while travelling in the car?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
21 How does the cat behave while at the vet or groomers?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
22 Are there any situations or circumstances in which the cat's behaviour differs from what is described above?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
23 What is the name and phone number of your current vet? Could you please provide consent for us to contact your vet to obtain medical records?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

In enclosure

Questions	Observations (tick those that apply)							
	Calm/ Relaxed No visible signs of fear, stress or aggression (friendly, resting, relaxed body).	Some signs of fear (tail close to body, may be tucked under body, distressed meow)	Some signs of aggression (dilated pupils, ears turned side-ways, tail swishing, tense body, yowling)	Moderate signs of fear (crouching, hiding, hair raised, freezing, distressed meow)	Moderate signs of aggression (growling, hissing, spitting, swatting without contact, backing into a corner)	High signs of fear (crouched with limbs tucked, shaking, piloerection, fully flattened ears, rapid breathing yowling, hissing, shut down)	High signs of aggression (repeated swats with claws extended, intense stare, lunging, attempts to bite)	Notes (record any relevant contextual details about the observed behaviour, e.g. gender of the animal attendant, time of day, whether the observation occurred during a busy or quiet period etc.)
How does the cat react when you approach the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react when you open the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react when you enter the enclosure?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react if it can see another animal?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react when it is being fed or is offered food?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Is the cat displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as significant withdrawal, yowling, repetitive behaviours or health issues)? Are attempts being made to address this?								
Has the cat's behaviour in the enclosure changed since the last time observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?								

Daily Behavioural Monitoring

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Outside of enclosure

Questions	Observations (<i>tick those that apply</i>)							
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How does the cat react when known or unknown people approach?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react to other animals?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat react if you attempt to play?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the cat respond if you attempt training?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Is the cat displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as significant withdrawal or health issues)? Are attempts being made to address this through behaviour modification and/or veterinary prescribed behavioural medication?								
Is the cat responding and learning from attempts to train in basic behaviours (house/litter training)?								
Has the cat's behaviour outside of its enclosure changed since the last time observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?								

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How does the animal react when people approach it (e.g. for a pat, when unknown people enter the home/property)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react around children?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react around elderly people?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react to other animals?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react if you attempt to play with it?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal react when left alone at home?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Foster carer observation list

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Questions	Observations (tick those that apply)							
	Calm/ Relaxed No visible signs of fear, stress or aggression (friendly, resting, relaxed body).	Some signs of fear (tail close to body, may be tucked under body, distressed meow)	Some signs of aggression (dilated pupils, ears turned side-ways, tail swishing, tense body, yowling)	Moderate signs of fear (crouching, hiding, hair raised, freezing, distressed meow)	Moderate signs of aggression (growling, hissing, spitting, swatting without contact, backing into a corner)	High signs of fear (crouched with limbs tucked, shaking, piloerection, fully flattened ears, rapid breathing yowling, hissing, shut down)	High signs of aggression (repeated swats with claws extended, intense stare, lunging, attempts to bite)	Notes
How does the animal react when left at home with another person or animal?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal respond when offered food and when eating?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
How does the animal respond to vet visits?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Is the animal displaying any challenging or concerning behaviour (such as attempts to escape, withdrawal)?								
Has the animal's behaviour changed since the last time these observations were taken? If yes, what have been some key changes?								
What do you think would be a suitable home environment for this animal?								