

## KITTY-K OBJECTIVES

- To boost kitty confidence
- Acclimate kittens to carriers
- Acclimate kittens to traveling in cars
- When classes are held at vet offices: acclimate kittens to sights, smells, sounds of veterinary clinic -
  - cold exam table
  - stethoscope
  - veterinarian or technician exam; strangers handling kittyOtherwise replicate by having strangers pass the kitty, and placing kitty on tables...instructor may bring cold stethoscope.
- To answer any questions concerning misbehavior or perceived misbehavior
- To talk about practical in-home concerns:
  - Litter box 101
  - Encouraging scratching in the right places, discouraging scratching in the wrong places
  - Giving pills to cats
  - Basic diet / feeding information
  - Grooming
- Play/Socialization to others of their own kind, and simply have fun.
- Socialization to dogs
- To demonstrate how to shape behavior (training using a clicker)



# KITTY-K CIRRICULUM

## Week 1

- Introductory remarks: Why we are here, and purposed of Kitty-K.
- Video “Brain Dead Cats.”
- Each kitty gets a mock veterinary exam (paws are handled, cat is placed on vet table, stethoscope is used, ears are looked at, etc.) Pass the Kitty game.
- Each owner/kitty will learn about nail clipping.
- Each owner/kitty will learn about dental care.
- Kitty’s will have play time to interact with one another. While owners’ will see feline body language in action (important to understand what your cat is trying to tell you).
- Explanation of leash and harness training.
- Instructor will explain basic operant conditioning, and teach kitties to sit. Homework for second week: Teach your cat something.
- Answer behavior questions.

## Week 2

- Discussion of training cats. Show and Tell, as each owner demonstrates what their kitty has learned.
- Application (demonstration) of leash and harness training.
- A canine will periodically roam the classroom.
- Discussion of litter boxes, scratching, basic diet, feeding, enrichment.
- Pass the Kitty.
- Demonstration of play techniques, discussion of laser light, and various toys.
- Demonstrations of brushing, and pilling.
- Each kitty tours the location with a person who is not the cat’s owner.
- Answer behavior questions.