



Therapy Cat test

Health and Safety

- _____ Need a current copy of cat's rabies vaccination record
- _____ Nails cut short, cat's coat clean and brushed: *Hair must be clean and completely free of dirt and mats.*
- _____ Ears clean and clear of infection
- _____ Teeth and breath clean
- _____ Cat must be in good health; not overweight
- _____ Calmly wear a harness with a 5-6 foot leash *Cat is much more safely controlled with a harness. It is best to train cat on harness slowly. This can take a few weeks! Present harness and treat, let cat be used to the harness. After a few days see if you can place it on cat's leg. Slowly but surely you will be able to get your cat to wear the harness.*

Temperament

Cat must be calm and comfortable *Cat should show no hesitation or skittishness on any of these. No claws, no hissing. Cat should settle in comfortably in any of these situations.*

- _____ being placed on a stranger's lap and/or in a bed
- _____ being handled and stroked while in a friendly stranger's lap
- _____ having a stranger touching paws, legs, ears, back end and tail
- _____ Allowing a stranger to stroke the cat
- _____ being petted if a stranger is in a wheel chair or has a walker
- _____ coming close enough for a person to reach him or her
- _____ being picked up and held
- _____ being touched in an awkward fashion (as someone with gross motor issues might)

Distractions

Cat must be calm and comfortable *Cat may show slight concern or startle but there cannot be any hissing or claws shown.*

- _____ with a person with a loud voice or high pitch excited voice
- _____ with distractions of food, canes, walkers, wheel chairs or other equipment
- _____ with distractions of children running
- _____ with loud noises of something dropping

Other but not necessary:

1. Does cat walk on leash? if so, please demonstrate
2. Does cat play with toys? if so, please demonstrate
3. Will cat take a cat treat? if so, must take gently