

**This PowerPoint Presentation is designed as an
“Introduction to Volunteering at C.A.T.S..”**

**It is not meant to include every detail of volunteering.
As a volunteer, you will be guided by a Senior Volunteer.**

**The information contained in this Presentation is subject
to change without notice.**

**Volunteers found not following the guidelines or rules
of the shelter may be asked to leave.**

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C.A.T.S.



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C.A.T.S. is an acronym for
Committed Alliance To Strays



Sanitizing Hands

- You must sanitize your hands before petting a cat.
- Condo housed cats – sanitize between cages
- Runners and playroom –just once for all
- Help remind each other to sanitize hands



We are supported entirely by donations

**Our first responsibility is the cats.
The second is the program.**





**C.A.T.S. is
known for
the care
we give
our cats
and the
cleanliness
of the
shelter.**

And we want to keep it that way.



**All Volunteers help to keep the shelter clean and smelling nice
in some way.**



**Our cats and kittens ask
that you follow the rules.**

**It is for their safety and
yours!**

As a volunteer at C.A.T.S.

- Our first concern is your safety and the safety of the cats.
- Please follow all **posted signs**
- If you are scratched or bitten, get a supervisor immediately.
- We do not allow rough play or teasing of the cats or kittens.

Some Basics

- **Please leave the room and find something else to do when customers are looking at cats.**
- **Please keep your voices down – especially in the lobby (It is difficult to hear when using the phone)**
- **Keep Busy**

A Few More Basics

- **Do Not interfere with an adoption or discussion between Adoption Counselors, staff and customers.**
- **Adoption Counselors are trained to ask certain questions and listen for answers.**

A Couple of Safety Items

Do Not leave condo doors open unless they are blocked open

Do Not feed the cats treats

Do Not bring outside toys into the shelter

**Now let's talk about what
C.A.T.S. is...and what we do
here.**

WHAT WE DO AT C.A.T.S.

- C.A.T.S. rescues stray and abandoned cats in Jackson County.
- C.A.T.S. is a full adoption shelter.
- C.A.T.S. does not take ferals.
- C.A.T.S. does not age discriminate.
 - We take older cats.
 - They make great companions!
- The cats must be able to be picked up by a stranger.
 - We understand it takes time to adjust.

- **C.A.T.S.** does not take “owner surrendered” cats. (Exception noted below)
- **C.A.T.S.** does consider the death (or move to a care facility) of an owner a form of abandonment and will take the cat if there are no family members able to care for the cat.

The cats stay in our program
until adopted.

We do not euthanize cats to
make room for more.



- **The only time a cat is euthanized is if it has tested positive for FELV or FIV, is extremely aggressive and can not be tested or handled.**
- **If a cat is injured or sick, a veterinarian determines if the cat can be saved and have a quality of life.**

- **C.A.T.S. TESTS ALL** cats for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus - if they are six months of age or older.
- Kittens under six months, without a mother to test, are tested for feline leukemia only.
- The cats are tested upon arrival.
- Cats and/or kittens going to foster homes are tested prior to going into a foster home.

- **C.A.T.S.** isolates the cats in a separate building for a minimum of seven days to monitor for health and behavior. (Unless they are going directly to a foster home)
- **C.A.T.S.** vaccinates all cats against five major diseases. The vaccinations include two doses, given 21 days apart.
- **C.A.T.S.** treats all cats and kittens with Revolution® to treat fleas, ear mites, hookworms, roundworms and heartworms.
- **C.A.T.S.** treats all cats and kittens with Drontal® for tapeworm and other parasites.

- **C.A.T.S.** bathes every cat with an antibacterial upon arrival into the shelter.
- The cats and kittens are wrapped in towels, warmed in the dryer, after their baths.
- They are held and loved while being dried.
- When the towel starts to cool, it is replaced by more warm towels.

- At this point the cats ears are cleaned again
- Nails are trimmed
- Their file photo is taken
- The kittens receive a paper collar with their name on it.
- They are then introduced to their new condo



C.A.T.S. spays and neuters all cats and kittens.

No adopted cat leaves the building until it is neutered.

C.A.T.S. uses early spay and neuter practices. We have done so for more than 17 years. Females are spayed at 2.5 pounds and male cats at 2.0 pounds.

Altering pets helps prevent the unwanted birth of animals that would be difficult to place into good homes.





- **C.A.T.S.** uses trained Adoption Counselors and extensive adoption application forms.
- **C.A.T.S.** always takes our cats back.





**We charge \$75
to adopt one cat
\$65 if the cat is
5 years of age
or older.**

**We offer a price break
when two cats
are adopted together.**

\$130 for two – saving of \$20

**If we insist two cats be
adopted together, C.A.T.S.
will provide another price
incentive**





Each day:

The cages are completely cleaned.

First with soap & water

Next with water & bleach

Every item is removed

Side, bottom, roof and doors are cleaned.

- A new litter box is given**
- Food and water dishes cleaned or replaced**
- New food and water given**
- Two new blankets (matching) are placed in the cage**
- A new rug is placed in the cage**
- Matching toys are placed in cage**

We have adopted more than 8000 cats in 18 years

460 cats were adopted in 2009

We house approximately 45 at a time in our shelter

40 in our isolation unit

25+ in foster care at any given time

Everyone except Adoption Counselors are required to wear a smock or scrub top.

Sometimes you will be asked to change a smock after handling cats.

Please wear a Volunteer or Jr. Volunteer pin

Junior Volunteers

- Junior volunteers (if you did not drive yourself) are not allowed to leave the building once you are here.
- A parent or guardian must come inside to get you when you are finished.
- You must wear a smock and a “Jr. Volunteer” tag.

About the “Dress Code”

C.A.T.S. strives to present a professional atmosphere.

- *Clothes must be clean

- *Ragged bottom jeans are not good idea – they are germ catchers

- *Clothing must be in good taste.

- *Smocks or scrub tops must be worn

- *Shoes should be safe to walk in and clean

Cat Toys

- We have a “CLEAN” toy box and a “DIRTY” toy box in Rooms 1 and 2, located in the white cabinets
- More toys are in the kitchen
- If the dirty toy box is getting full, check with a senior volunteer for directions on cleaning.

Every cat gets a chance to run

- A daily run schedule is posted in Rooms 1 and 2.
- Each cat is allowed out of their condo for at least 45 minutes a day.
- Room 1 and Room 2 have different ways of dealing with running.
- The cat's litter box is placed on the floor (under the chair) during their run time. Food and water stay in the cage during the run time.
- Senior volunteers will direct you regarding the run schedule.

Room 1 Running

- Between each condo's run turn:
 - Put the cat(s) back
 - Put the litter box back and straighten the condo
 - Pick up the toys and put into the dirty toy box
 - Sweep the floor
 - Mop the floor (wringing out the mop as much as you can) (several times)
 - Put out the next condo of kittens or cat
 - Put down two or three clean toys



MARK THE DAILY RUN SCHEDULE ON THE WALL

- Repeat the process with each cage in Room 1

Room 2 Running

- Put the litter box out and a clean toy
- After the cat's turn is completed...
- Put the box back in the condo
- Put toys in the "dirty" toy box
- Sweep the floor
- It is not necessary to mop between cats in Room 2 unless otherwise posted in the room
- Repeat after each cat
- **MARK THE DAILY RUN SCHEDULE ON THE WALL**

There are supplies located throughout the shelter.

Brooms and dust pans are in each room and are labeled.

The lobby and outside brooms are in the laundry room.

Laundry is a BIG part of C.A.T.S.



Each laundry basket is labeled.

Please help keep the laundry
caught up.

You will be shown how to do a load
of laundry.



We use dry laundry soap and dry bleach. It is highly concentrated.

The soap and bleach are in large containers next to the washer.

It is always one scoop per load.

Do not put the soap or bleach in in the center.

Put the soap and bleach in before the laundry

Clean the
dryer vent
after each
use.

GROOMING TOOLS

are located on the kitchen counter

Use one grooming tool per condo. DO NOT SHARE with another condo. Use a clean tool.

Runners and playroom cats can share grooming tools

After use, remove the hair and dip the brush into cleaning bowl, lay out to dry.

Do Not let the grooming tools soak.

EVERYONE GET A CHANCE TO CLEAN A BOX (unless you are pregnant)

- You will be guided by an experienced volunteer.
- Follow the instructions of the senior volunteer



It all starts at the bottom(!)

You will need one dirty box.

A lined waste can (Use the square plastic buckets)

A bucket of soapy water

8 clean scoops for Rooms 1 and 2

1 clean scoop for the playroom

1 clean scoop for the lobby/office

REMEMBER – One scoop per box for condos

LITTER SCOOPS



After use, they are placed in a bucket of hot soapy water to soak

Then they are scrubbed

Rinsed in clean water

Dipped in a bucket of bleach and water solution.

Placed on a towel to dry

If you are asked to scoop boxes, this includes cleaning the scoops

Sign In and Out

- Please sign in and out each time you arrive.
- This is your responsibility
- This is especially true if you are doing the volunteer work for class credit.
- Each month there is a new sheet

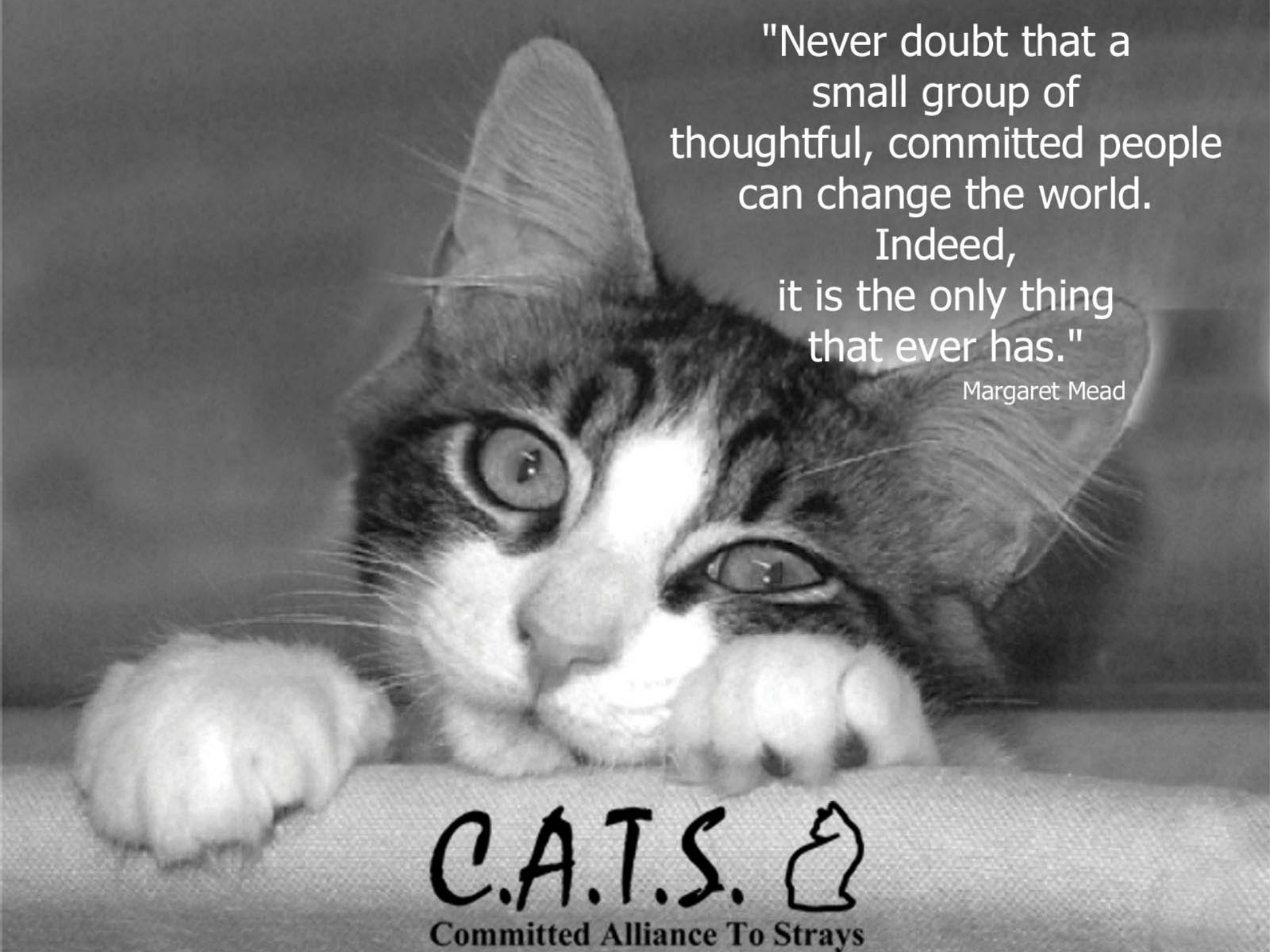
Remember...



Cleanliness
is very
important
at C.A.T.S.
and it
takes
everyone
to keep it
that way.

They count on us for everything!






"Never doubt that a
small group of
thoughtful, committed people
can change the world.

Indeed,
it is the only thing
that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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