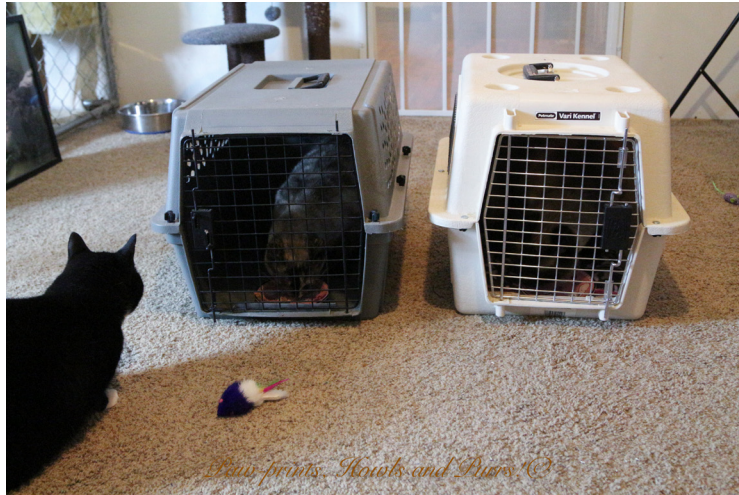




Once your cat is comfortable going in and out of the crate with the gate open, close the gate while he/she is eating. If he/she shows any sign of distress, open the gate immediately. If he/she is calm and continues eating, keep the gate closed. Continue this practice daily and lower the value of the treat as you continue practicing. Use a treat of higher value when you need to actually use the crate.



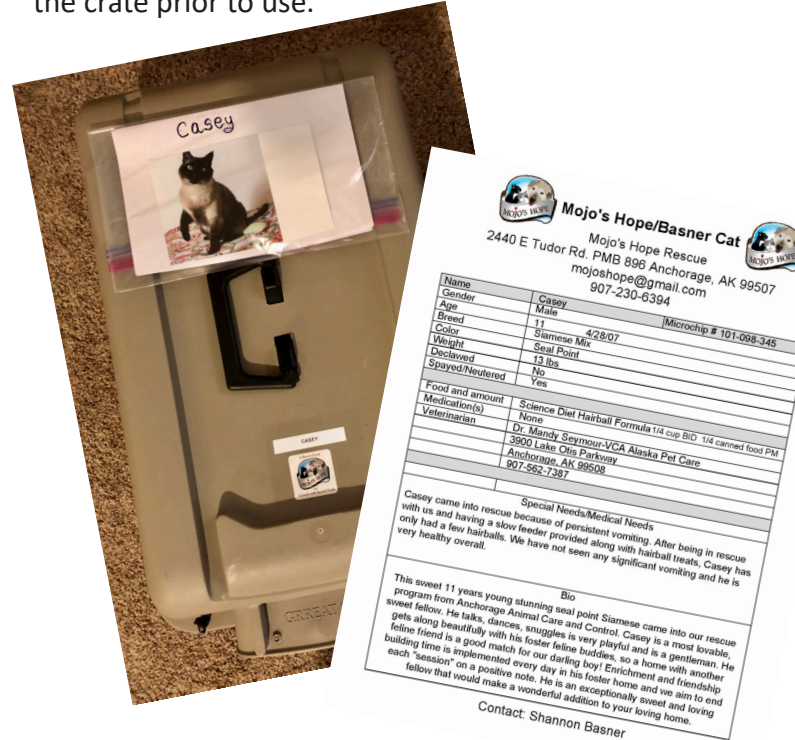
**For Regular Use, Vet visits, emergencies, etc.**

Leave the crate out at least a week before any vet visit. If an emergency does occur, please remain calm and get the crate and move your pets into them safely and smoothly.

There are variations to these steps, along with time frame flexibility. Each cat is different and these steps can be adjusted to the needs of your cat.

## Crate Preparation

All crates should be labeled with your cat's name. Have all personal information, photo and rabies certificate inside a Ziploc bag and taped securely to the outside of each crate. To help eliminate stress, consider using Feliway wipes or spray inside the crate prior to use.



**ConCATulations on making your cat feel safe, confident and comfortable with a crate!**



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# Crate Training



# your cat

More and more people are enriching the lives of their pet cats and providing them safe ways to explore the outdoors by utilizing harnesses and strollers. We have been using harnesses on our pet cats and fosters for over 15 years and as much as we LOVE seeing this level of enrichment, we must emphasize the importance of crate training for vet visits, travel and especially emergency situations. If your cats have an aversion to the crate, inside are some guidelines to help.



1

For about a week, leave the kennel on the floor with the gate propped open; ensure the gate will not close. Place familiar bedding inside the kennel and during canned food time, place the food dishes near the crate.



2

After the first week, move the dishes to the front of the crate. If he/she eats the food willingly, continue for another week. If he/she seems apprehensive, move the dish back and try step 1 again for a few more days. Then proceed to step 2.



3

If the cat(s) are eating successfully by the crates, move the dishes inside, toward the front of the crate. Continue for about a week. If you feel he/she is progressing nicely, then proceed to step 4. If he/she is showing apprehension, remain at step 3 for a few more days.



4

If you are at this step, then your cat (s) is showing comfort with the crate (ConCATulations) and you can move the dish to the back of the crate. Continue to keep the crate door open. Implement a treat of higher value -- something that is extra special to him/her, and do this step for about one week. If successful, move onto step 5.

