

Small animal behaviour – cat behaviour

These notes are broken into sections based on each video

Video CB1 –Cat senses and communicating feelings

Intended learning outcome

Explain how a cat's sensory experience of the world may influence its behavior in order to best understand the cat's behaviour

Apply an understanding of the normal body language and behaviour of cats in order to interpret their interactions with humans and other animals

Success criteria

Describe key features of a cat's smell, sight, hearing, touch and taste

Describe how those features may influence the behaviour of a cat in a given situation

Describe the physical features of a cat's eyes, ears, mouth, tail and posture/movement which indicate whether the dog is relaxed or anxious/fearful

Describe behaviours which are likely to be seen in relaxed animals

Describe behaviours which are likely to be seen in anxious/fearful animals

Identify common behavioural and health responses to stress in cats

Video CB2 – Preventing development of behavioural problems - kittens

Intended learning outcome

Describe strategies to prevent development of problem behaviours to maximise the welfare outcomes for humans and cats

Success criteria

Describe the importance of the socialisation period for a kitten's future behavioural health

Describe the importance of Kitten Kindy and outline key common behaviours that should be discussed

Describe strategies to minimise inappropriate urination in cats

Describe cat's preferences for eating location and frequency

Describe the importance of scratching behaviour in cats and strategies for encouraging cats to scratch in appropriate places

Video CB3 – Behavioural husbandry of cats

Intended learning outcome

Describe strategies to prevent development of problem behaviours to maximise the welfare outcomes for humans and cats

Success criteria

Describe why behavioural husbandry is important in cats

Describe different ways that cat can be exercised including environment and toys that can be used for indoor cats

Describe the main resources that are important for cats

Describe the varied social needs of cats and how these may be provided

Describe some activities that can be used for non-social enrichment of cats