Client Handout

FELINE BEHAVIOR

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Household Resource Checklist

Yes No **Basic Resources** Are basics provided in a convenient location that provides safety and some privacy during use (ie, away from appliances or machinery that could start unexpectedly)? Does each cat have its own food bowl? Does each cat have its own water bowl? Does each cat have its own litter box in a well-ventilated location (1 litter box per cat + 1)? Is the litter kept clean and scooped as soon as possible after use or at least daily? Is unscented clumping litter used? Are containers washed weekly with plain water or a mild, unscented detergent, such as dishwashing liquid? If a new resource is provided, is it placed next to the familiar one so the cat can choose whether or not to use it? \Box Structural Features Can each cat move about freely, exploring, climbing, stretching, and playing when (if) it chooses? Are climbing structures or opportunities provided? Does each cat have its own scratching post? Does each cat have its own resting area? Does each cat have a "perch" so it can look down on its surroundings? Is a radio or television on when the cat is home alone? Social Contact Does each cat have the opportunity to engage in play with other animals or the owner if it chooses on a daily basis? Do you spend individual time petting each cat? (If so, for how many minutes?) Do you spend individual time playing with each cat? (If so, for how long?) **Body Care & Activity** Does each cat have toys that mimic quickly moving prey? Does each cat have toys that can be picked up, carried, and tossed in the air?

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Are toys rotated on a regular basis (at least weekly) to provide novelty?