

Target Training Cats at the Cage Front

Needed Supplies: Clicker (or word like “click”, treats, and some kind of target such as your finger, pencil, chopstick, etc.).

Procedure:

When at front of the cat’s cage - present the target and CLICK when the cat moves to sniff the target (which he/she will do because cats usually sniff things presented to them) and then give the treat. Then move the target to a new location and CLICK and treat when the cat moves to touch his/her nose to the target again. Target with the cat 3-4 times and go to the next cat.

Benefits:

This procedure provides the cat with mental stimulation because he/she has to learn how to get you to click the clicker (to touch the target with his/her nose). It is social stimulation because it is an activity that you are doing with the cat. And the bonus is that it allows the cat to interact with a person at the front of the kennel in a positive way.