

# **Daily Spot Cleaning of Cat Cages**

### **Before Starting:**

- Have all necessary supplies & equipment present to minimize movement in & out of the designated work areas
- Confirm protocols, dilutions & contact times for cleaner/disinfectant being used
- > Use a new pair of gloves & designated cleaning cloth for each cage
- > Be prepared to work within the confines of the cage

#### **Protocol:**

- 1. Confine cat(s) to one side of the cage by closing & securing portal door
- 2. Remove any soiled bedding, toys or dirty bowls that will need to be replaced with new items & place dirty items in designated enclosed receptacles (i.e. 5-gal bucket-dishes & toys, trash bag- organic material & debris, solid sided container w/ lid- laundry)
- 3. For bedding & toys that are not soiled- gently shake off any debris over litter pan and set to one side of the cage
- 4. Apply cleaner to any soiled surfaces and wipe with clean cloth or paper towel <u>OR</u> apply cleaner directly to cloth and wipe soiled surfaces as needed
- 5. Replace bedding & toys
- 6. Dispose of dirty litter & replace with clean litter
- 7. Provide fresh water & food
- 8. Release cat from confinement
- 9. Clean other side of cage as needed
- 10. Remove gloves & wash hands thoroughly



## **Deep Cleaning of Cat Cages**

### **Before Starting:**

- ➤ Have all necessary supplies & equipment present to minimize movement in & out of the designated work areas
- > Confirm protocols, dilutions & contact times for cleaner/disinfectant being used
- Use a new pair of gloves & designated cleaning cloth for each cage
- > Be prepared to work within the confines of the cage
- > Lay bath towel on floor at a right angle to cage bank so it will be parallel w/ the cage door when opened
- ➤ Work left-to-right, top-to-bottom, outside-towards the center

### **Protocol:**

- 1. Remove <u>all</u> bedding, toys, bowls, etc. & place used items in designated enclosed receptacles (i.e. 5-gal bucket-dishes & toys, trash bag- organic material & debris, solid sided container w/ lid- laundry)
- 2. Remove any miscellaneous readily accessible items such as vent covers, cage card holders, etc., clean as needed and lay on the floor of the cage being cleaned
- 3. Closed cage door
- 4. Wash or spray gloved hands with disinfect solution
- 5. Apply disinfectant to front of cage door starting in upper left-hand corner and working left-right/ top-bottom (Note: hold applicator close to door to minimize over spray)
- 6. Open cage door and adjust towel on floor if needed to catch any run-off and to prevent slipping
- 7. Apply disinfectant to backside of cage door as needed
  - **Note:** for cage doors w/bars hold designated cleaning cloth on outside of cage door to catch over spray
- 8. Apply disinfectant to cage interior starting in the upper front left corner and treat upper perimeter, ceiling, walls, top & bottom of shelves, portal door, lower perimeter & floor including the miscellaneous items (vent covers, cage card holders, etc.)
  - **Note:** for cage doors w/ bars there may already be a significant amount of disinfectant already on the interior surfaces from spraying the cage door-apply additional product only as needed)
- 9. Repeat on other side of cage
- 10. Wash or spray gloved hands with disinfect solution
- 11. Use small scrub brush to remove any organic material or debris especially from any crevices **Note:** pay close attention to bars, joints, welds, hinges, vents, etc.
- 12. While waiting for the minimum required contact time to elapse
  - Clean/Disinfect scrub brush
  - Wash or spray gloved hands with disinfect solution
- 13. After the required contact time has elapsed use designated cleaning cloth to:
  - wipe down all interior surfaces
  - wipe down & replace miscellaneous items (vent covers, cage card holders, etc.)
  - wipe down exterior of cage door & handle
- 14. Remove gloves & wash hands thoroughly