

Assignment 10A: Formulated a Problem List, Assessing Welfare Status
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For Faline: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuWov3NjTtY>

Problem List and Justification:

Medical record is not included/is missing. Therefore, it is unknown if Faline is healthy, keeping her weight, etc. The kennel card also states the status of Faline is “adopted” so may be being overlooked in the system reports for vaccines and medical checks.

A sneeze is heard near the beginning of the video, but it was not clear who sneezed.

Social stress is obvious between Faline and the black/white cat in her kennel. The two cats are as far apart from each other as is physically possible and are not moving around. Faline’s eyes are dialted with her ears forward. Her tail is not visible.

No places to hide are available in the kennel

Cage card does not include a bio or photo of Faline, thus making it difficult to attract adopters to her.

Welfare/ Quality of Life Status:

Faline currently has inadequate welfare. She is stressed and is showing fear in her kennel when alone with her kennelmate. Faline does appreciate human interaction and solicited attention from the volunteer, with positive body language (tail up with a bend at the top, ears up, rubbing cheeks on box, leaning into the hand of the volunteer). We also do not know of any medical needs or health issues that could exist as there is no record of medical care or examination for Faline.

Major Welfare Concerns:

Unknown medical situation – is Faline healthy, vaccinated, spayed, keeping her weight/eating?

Social stress between cats in room

Both cats not interacting, moving around at all, and at opposite ends of the kennel

Action Items for Welfare Concerns:

Medical exam, including checking for possible sneezing/uri

Remove kennelmate and allow Faline to have the kennel to herself

Provide a hide space in the kennel – easily done by hanging a blanket over the perch so it creates a cave-like situation.

Ensure volunteer interaction and pets daily as Faline responds favorably to this attention