Objectivity Quiz

This quiz reviews information about objective behavior observation reporting. If there is a question containing a video link, please watch the video prior to answering the question. Both dog and cat questions are included in this quiz – it does not matter what type of shelter pet we are observing when it comes to practicing objectivity!

Name: _______________________________________________  Date: _______________________________

1. Where can you submit animal behavior observations to the SHELTER Behavior Department? While Facebook posts on the CORE and CATS pages are helpful, that is not the answer we are looking for!

2. When submitting a behavior observation, remember the A-B-C’s of behavior reporting! Record the antecedent, behavior, and consequence when describing what happened with a shelter pet. In short, record what occurs before, during, and after the behavior of significance. Select the option below that follows the A-B-C format:
   a. A person approached the front of Tiny’s kennel. Tiny barked, growled, and then ran to the back of the kennel. The person walked away.
   b. Tiny doesn’t like people coming up to his kennel. He runs away.
   c. Tiny is aggressive with strangers sometimes.
   d. Tiny is scared in his kennel.

3. Select the objective behavior observation below: Beware of labels and assumptions!
   a. Cosmo doesn’t like men.
   b. Cosmo doesn’t like men in hats.
   c. Cosmo feels scared and anxious around men.
d. Cosmo barked and growled briefly at a man in the Adoption Center lobby while we walked by on leash. The man was a tall Caucasian man, wearing a hat and sunglasses.

4. Select the objective behavior observation below:
   a. Precious growled when I reached toward the toy that she was chewing.
   b. Precious doesn’t like tennis balls.
   c. Precious is grumpy around toys.
   d. Precious is aggressive.

5. Select the objective behavior observation below:
   a. Diamond is aggressive.
   b. Diamond is afraid of other cats.
   c. Diamond hisses at other cats when they approach her while she is eating.

6. Select the objective behavior observation below:
   a. Katie is rambunctious.
   b. Katie plays roughly.
   c. Katie often pounces on my shoes and chews my shoe laces as I walk by her in her communal cage.

7. Watch this video on leash skills, then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

8. Watch this video on a kennel exercise, then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:
9. Watch this video on two dogs greeting (slo-mo), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:


10. Watch this video of a person recalling a cat, then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:


11. Watch this video of a cat in a kennel, then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:


12. Watch this video of a cat training, then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format: In training, avoid repeating a command over and over that the animal does not fully understand. Repetition lessens the value and meaning of the verbal cue.


Congratulations! You have completed the Objectivity Quiz! Please submit this form to your Supervisor or Coordinator.