**Fear Free FAS Scale - Cats**

Fear Free Scales Edited by Marissa Martino, CDBC, CTC

**ZERO**

* No signs of FAS. Cat displays relaxed body language and solicits social interactions with team members.
* Normal behavior patterns including eating, grooming, resting, playing, exercising, and sleeping.

|  | **ONE** | **TWO** | **THREE** | **FOUR** | **FIVE** |
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| Ears | Perked up  Starting to fan out to side | Ears fanning out to side  Ears back | Ears fanning out to side  Ears back | Back | Back or Forward |
| Eyes | Partially dilated pupils  Slight brow furowing  Watching stimulus | Moderate pupil dilation  Furrowed brow  Watching stimulus  Avoiding eye contact, turning head away without moving away | Moderate pupil dilation  Furrowed brow  Watching stimulus  Avoiding eye contact, turning head away without moving away | Pupils dilated  Staring at stimulus  Turning to look at stimulus | Constricted pupils  Dilated pupils  Forrowed brows  Staring at stimulus |
| Body / Position | Head held slightly down  Body shifted slightly away | Moving slowly  Crouched and leaning away  Unable to settle, fidgeting | Moving slowly  Back of kennel, crouched, leaning away  Unable to settle, fidgeting  Pawing at the cage door  Increase in respiration rate | Tonic Immobility  Fleeing  Actively trying to escape  Body flattened and tense  Crouched  Increase in respiration rate | Leaning or lunging forward  Moving forward  Crouched  Swatting  Pacing, pawing, pushing, or hanging on the kennel door  Increase in respiration rate |
| Tail | Tail closer to the body  Slightly flicking | Tail closer to the body  Slightly flicking | Tail closer to the body  Slightly flicking | Tucked or thrashing  Down and bottle brushed | Inverted L  Rump raised higher than front body  Tail tight  Thrashing |
| Mouth | Whiskers slightly back | Whiskers back | Whiskers back  Vocalizations | Whiskers back  Vocalizations | Whiskers back or forward  Growling, hissing  Repetitive meowing |
| Engagement | Interested in reinforcers (treats, play, attention) and chooses to interact with the team member | Overly attention seeking. Readily accepts reinforcement (treats, toys, and attention). Still soliciting interactions with team members. | May refuse reinforcements for brief moments.  May also be hesitant to interact with team members but not actively avoiding team members | May or may not be accepting any types of reinforcers.  Not interested in interacting with team members and may be showing active avoidance (moving away). | Actively avoiding engagement or reacting offensively towards a staff member |
| Other |  |  | May display a decrease in appetite or grooming | Poor appetite | Disruption of kennel contents  Poor appetite |