CAT ENRICHMENT NEEDS

DAILY Enrichment Needs

• A comfortable resting/sleeping surface inside the animal’s enclosure at all times
  o Light and darkness should support the natural (circadian) rhythms of wakefulness and sleep
• Access to a scratching surface
  o Carpet, sisal, cardboard, etc.
• Access to at least one novel toy
  o Ball, mouse, catnip filled, Hex bug, etc.
• Social interaction (minimum of 15 minutes)
• A place to perch as well as a place to hide
• Physical exercise
  o Feather dancer toys, lazar lights, balls, cat wheel, etc.

Rotation of enrichment choices – Pick two from the following list. Choices should rotate daily to avoid habituation which can devalue the benefits of enrichment

Auditory

• Sound machine
• Recording of birds chirping
• Classical Music
• Water fountain

Olfactory

• Catnip
• Pheromones
• Essential oils
- Dry spices
- Synthetic prey scents
- Hidden treats

**Visual**
- Access to a window
- Access to watch a bird feeder outside
- Mobiles
- Bubble machine
- Lava lamps
- Eternal pendulum

**Mental Stimulation**
Operant, positive-reinforcement training

*Please note special consideration should be given to kittens under the age of 7 weeks.*

*Please see “Social Interaction” in SAWA Animal Enrichment Best Practice.*