

A clean environment is a healthy environment. This checklist outlines the essential daily, weekly, and monthly cleaning protocols required to maintain a sanitary cattery and break the chain of infection. This involves three steps: cleaning (removing debris), sanitizing (reducing bacteria), and disinfecting (eliminating pathogens).

DAILY

- ☐ Scoop all litter boxes at least twice daily (more frequently for a queen with a litter)
- ☐ Wash all food and water bowls with hot, soapy water
- ☐ Check and top off water fountains with fresh, filtered
- ☐ Wipe down feeding areas
- ☐ Spot-clean any messes on floors or other surfaces with a pet-safe cleaner

WEEKLY

- ☐ Completely empty, scrub, and disinfect all litter boxes before refilling with fresh litter
- ☐ Wash all cat bedding, blankets, and soft toys in hot water
- ☐ Mop all hard floors with a pet-safe disinfecting solution
- ☐ Fully disassemble and deep-clean water fountains to prevent biofilm buildup
- ☐ Thoroughly vacuum the entire cattery space, including cat trees and furniture
- ☐ Check and clean/replace air purifier filters.

MONTHLY

- ☐ Thoroughly wipe down and disinfect all surfaces, including walls, baseboards, and window sills
- ☐ Wipe down and disinfect all cat trees, scratching posts, and hard toys with a veterinarian-approved disinfectant (like Rescue/Accel)
- ☐ Disinfect all hard toys, food storage bins, and grooming tools.

ONGOING -

BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS

- ☐ Use completely separate cleaning supplies, litter boxes, scoops, and food/water bowls for the quarantine and isolation areas
- ☐ Always handle cats and clean in this order: healthy population first, then quarantine, and lastly, isolation.
- ☐ Always wash hands thoroughly and change clothes/shoes (or use disposable booties) between handling cats in different areas to prevent cross-contamination