



# ONTARIO SPCA

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## Cat Cage Cleaning Protocol

(For those animal centres using accelerated hydrogen peroxide as their disinfectant, for example, Prevail™)

### Procedure for Spot Cleaning of cage:

**Cages will be spot cleaned daily.**

1. Don PPE
2. Change any soiled blankets (discard into dirty laundry bag) or shake out (over garbage) any adequately clean towels/blankets – “fluff and fold”.
3. Food and water dishes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place dirty dishes onto cart
4. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place soiled boxes into tote on bottom of cart
5. Sweep out any spilled litter or debris and discard into designated garbage bin
6. Clean any obvious dirt off the cage using paper towel/cloths with Prevail™
7. Spray gloves with disinfectant, rub hands together and dry gloves with paper towel
8. Reset cage with clean towel (if needed), fresh food/water and clean litter box

**\*\*You must change gloves or spray gloves with disinfectant between each cat/cage**

**\*\*If you suspect your gown has had direct contact with the cat, lightly spray the contact areas with disinfectant (ie. Sleeves, front of gown)**

**For cats leaving cages permanently/cats requiring a more thorough cleaning:**

1. Don PPE
2. If cat is leaving, reconfigure cat cabin. Cats staying, but requiring a more thorough cleaning, encourage into a carrier (remove and cover with towel - should not be placed on the floor) or encourage cat through portal (if cage has one) into other area of cage and close portal flap
3. Discard towels/blankets into laundry bin

4. Food and water dishes are to be completely changed daily. Empty dishes into garbage receptacle and place dirty dishes onto cart
5. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage receptacle and place soiled boxes into tote on bottom of cart
6. Wipe out any spilled litter or debris and discard into garbage receptacle
7. Fully scrub out cage (including all 3 walls, floor, ceiling, inside and outside of cage door) using paper towel/cloths and Prevail™ – **do not use cloth for more than one cage**
8. Foam all surfaces with Prevail™ foamer - ensuring a **5 minute wet contact time**
9. Towel dry or air dry entire cage
10. If cat is returning to cage, spray gloves with Prevail™, rub hands together and dry with paper towel
11. Reset cage with clean towel/blanket, fresh food, water and a clean litter box