



# ONTARIO SPCA

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## Cat Cage Cleaning Protocols

**(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 into “dirty” dishes tote/onto cart
4. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place soiled boxes into “dirty” litter box tote or onto cart
5. Sweep out any spilled litter or debris and discard into designated garbage receptacle
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 fresh food/water and clean litter box.

**\*\*Unless you have re-contaminated yourself (ie. Touched the cat from that cage) after you have placed the clean supplies into the cage, you do not need to change/spray your gloves for the next cat**

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

### Procedure for Full Clean of cage:

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

1. Don PPE

2. If cat is leaving, re-configure cat cabin, place the cat into it and remove. Cats staying, but requiring more thorough cleaning, encourage into a carrier (remove and cover with towel - should not be placed on the floor) or encourage cat through portal into other area of cage and close portal door
3. Discard towels/blankets into laundry bag. Cat cabins stay with cats at all times throughout its stay (unless heavily soiled or damaged and needs to be thrown out and replaced).
4. Food and water dishes are to be completely changed daily. Empty dishes into garbage receptacle and place dirty dishes into “dirty” dishes tote/onto cart
5. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage receptacle and place soiled boxes into “dirty” litter box tote or onto cart
6. Sweep out any spilled litter or debris and discard into designated 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<sup>®</sup> – **do not use cloth for more than one cage**
8. Foam all surfaces with Prevail<sup>®</sup> using 1.5G pump-up 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<sup>®</sup>, rub hands together and dry hands with paper towel.
11. Reset cage with clean towel/blanket, fresh food, water and a clean litter box.