

of safety. "But what about exercise?" Here again, the difference between a cat and a dog must be understood. Dogs need space in which to get their necessary exercise, whereas cats exercise isometrically. This means that if a cat has enough room to stretch, he or she can exercise every muscle in the body. When your cat is in strange surroundings, around strange cats and strange smells, your cat will undoubtedly much prefer "safety" to "space."

**Immunization**

Fortunately, within the last several years, there have been years, there were a number of contagious airborne viruses that caused serious respiratory problems in cats. These viruses could not be controlled by any means except complete isolation of all cats from each other. Now, however, thanks to advances made by the veterinary pharmaceutical companies, there are effective vaccines available to prevent such diseases. Most boarding programs for these diseases. You should be aware of the boarding facility's policy and discuss it with your veterinarian also make sure that your cat is not exposed to any contagious cat diseases prior to boarding.

**Stress is a factor**

Any animal in strange surroundings suffers from stress. This means that the normal immune process is affected, as well as eating and digestive habits. Your PCSA member facility will do cat. For this reason, it is a good procedure for them to allow your cat to adjust to the boarding environment at his or her stress by trying to make the boarding experience as pleasant as possible for your cat. Remember that the more often your cat boards, the more adjusted your cat will be to the boarding environment, and the easier the boarding process becomes for your cat.

**Welcoming your cat home**

After you pick up your cat from the boarding facility, let it "tell" you about its stay. Lavish attention on your cat so he or she sure to keep him or her inside for a day or two before allowing it outside again. Just as your cat had to adjust to the boarding facility, so will your cat need to adjust to being home again.



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