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FEL_001 - Bodyweight Measurement in Cats (Expiry: December 2025)

I. OBJECTIVE

To be able to weigh a cat safely

II. COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Trained member of staff should only complete this procedure.

III. PROCEDURE

Tare scales to zero

Remove cat from cage or carry cage, ensuring all limbs are restrained, lift cat

Place cat on scales and encourage cat to remain still, sit or lie down

Wait for scales to stabilise then record reading

Reward cat with pat or food treat

Lift cat of scales

Return cat back into the cage

IV. REFERENCE INFORMATION

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