

The adoption of cats with varying sociability levels is common, but little is known about their welfare in adoptive homes or the adopter experience.

Undersocialized



Socialized

Cats were assessed using the Feline Spectrum Assessment (FSA) before adoption

BEHAVIORAL DIFFERENCES POST-ADOPTION

Socialized cats show more affection and tolerance to petting



Adopters of socialized cats are more satisfied

Undersocialized cats are more fearful and less approachable, especially by strangers



Undersocialized cat adopters report more challenges

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Socialized cats



Home adoption

Mildly undersocialized cats with potential to adjust



Conditional adoption

Highly undersocialized cats



Barn/TNR placement

Post-Adoption Behavior and Adopter Satisfaction of Cats Across Socialization Likelihoods



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