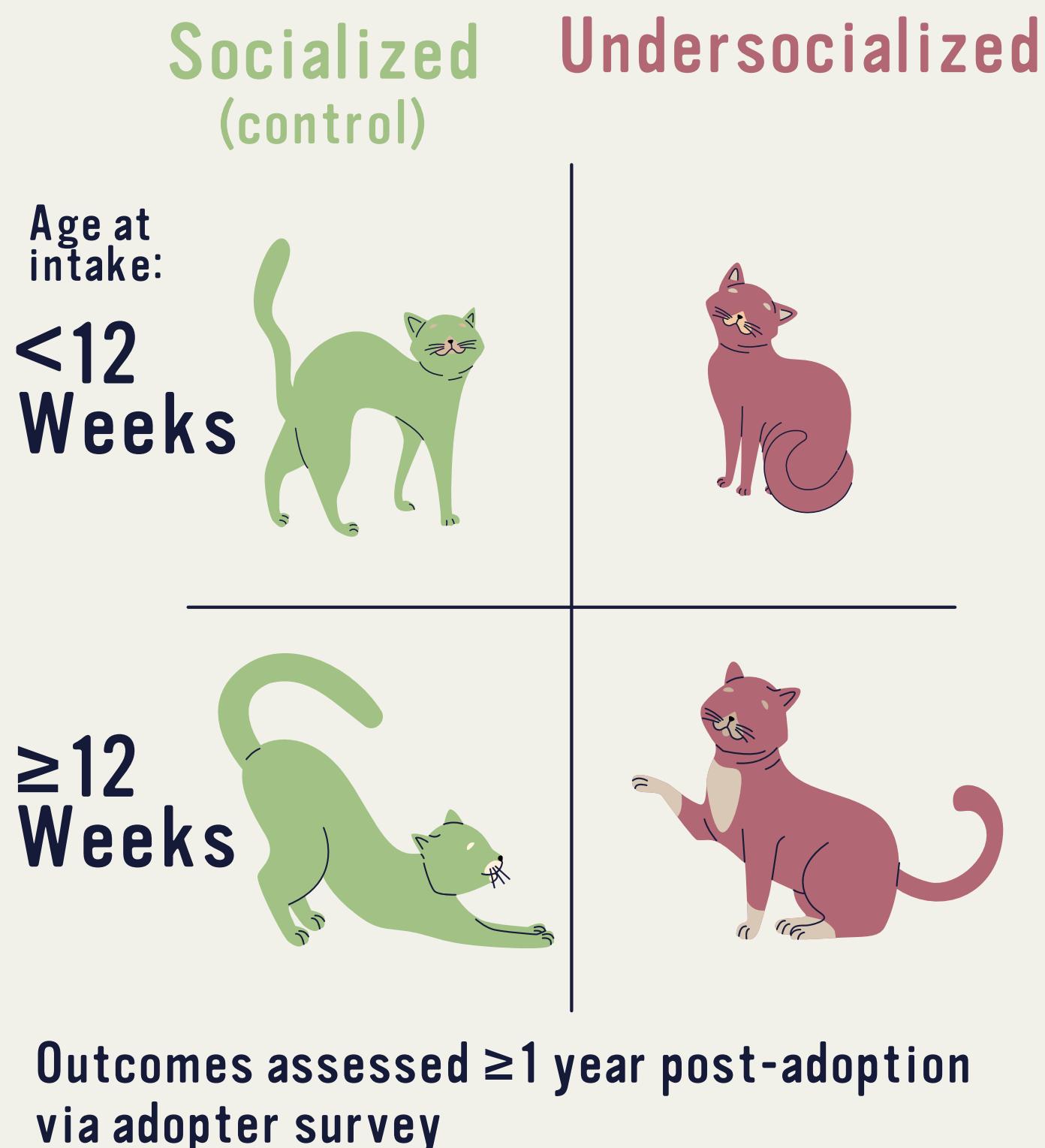
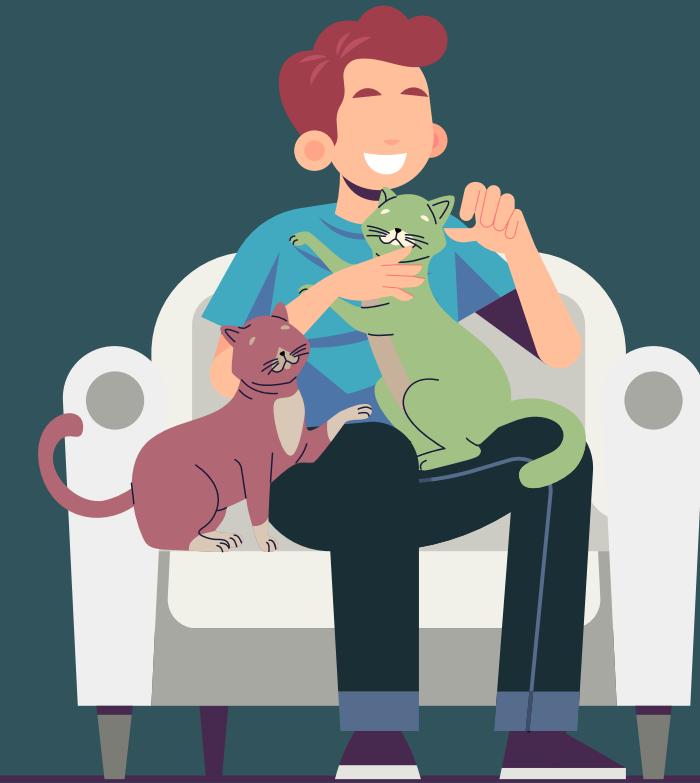


Undersocialized kittens present an ethical dilemma for shelters, especially regarding long-term welfare and adopter satisfaction.



POST-ADOPTION BEHAVIORAL OUTCOMES

Response to approach & petting from their owner was largely positive from both socialized and undersocialized kittens - regardless of age



Undersocialized kittens, regardless of age, were more fearful of approach & petting from strangers



ADOPTER SATISFACTION



No difference between groups (95-98%)

CONCLUSIONS & IMPLICATIONS



Adoption of undersocialized kittens is a viable, welfare-positive option when resources allow

Post-Adoption Behavior and Adopter Satisfaction of Shelter Kittens Identified as Undersocialized Prior to Adoption



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