

Objectivity Quiz

This quiz reviews information about objective behavior observation reporting. If there is a question containing a video link, please watch the video prior to answering the question.

Both dog and cat questions are included in this quiz -- it does not matter what type of shelter pet we are observing when it comes to practicing objectivity!

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Where can you submit animal behavior observations to the SHELTER Behavior Department? *While Facebook posts on the CORE and CATS pages are helpful, that is not the answer we are looking for!*

2. When submitting a behavior observation, remember the A-B-C's of behavior reporting! Record the *antecedent*, *behavior*, and *consequence* when describing what happened with a shelter pet. In short, record what occurs before, during, and after the behavior of significance. Select the option below that follows the A-B-C format:
 - a. A person approached the front of Tiny's kennel. Tiny barked, growled, and then ran to the back of the kennel. The person walked away.
 - b. Tiny doesn't like people coming up to his kennel. He runs away.
 - c. Tiny is aggressive with strangers sometimes.
 - d. Tiny is scared in his kennel.
3. Select the objective behavior observation below: *Beware of labels and assumptions!*
 - a. Cosmo doesn't like men.
 - b. Cosmo doesn't like men in hats.
 - c. Cosmo feels scared and anxious around men.

- d. Cosmo barked and growled briefly at a man in the Adoption Center lobby while we walked by on leash. The man was a tall Caucasian man, wearing a hat and sunglasses.
- 4. Select the objective behavior observation below:
 - a. Precious growled when I reached toward the toy that she was chewing.
 - b. Precious doesn't like tennis balls.
 - c. Precious is grumpy around toys.
 - d. Precious is aggressive.
- 5. Select the objective behavior observation below:
 - a. Diamond is aggressive.
 - b. Diamond is afraid of other cats.
 - c. Diamond hisses at other cats when they approach her while she is eating.
- 6. Select the objective behavior observation below:
 - a. Katie is rambunctious.
 - b. Katie plays roughly.
 - c. Katie often pounces on my shoes and chews my shoe laces as I walk by her in her communal cage.
- 7. Watch [this video on leash skills](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

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- 8. Watch [this video on a kennel exercise](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

9. Watch [this video on two dogs greeting \(slo-mo\)](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

10. Watch [this video of a person recalling a cat](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

11. Watch [this video of a cat in a kennel](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format:

12. Watch [this video of a cat training](#), then record an objective behavior observation in the A-B-C format: *In training, avoid repeating a command over and over that the animal does not fully understand. Repetition lessens the value and meaning of the verbal cue.*

*Congratulations! You have completed the **Objectivity Quiz!** Please submit this form to your Supervisor or Coordinator.*