



# ONTARIO SPCA

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## Cat Cage Cleaning Protocols

### Procedure for Spot Cleaning of cage:

**Cages will be spot cleaned daily.**

1. Don PPE
2. Change any soiled blankets (discard into dirty laundry bag) or shake out (over garbage) any adequately clean towels/blankets – “fluff and fold”.
3. Food and water dishes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place dirty dishes into “dirty” dishes tote
4. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place soiled boxes into “dirty” litter box tote.
5. Sweep out any spilled litter or debris and discard into designated garbage bin.
6. Clean any obvious dirt off the cage using paper towel/cloths with detergent and water.
7. Spray gloves with disinfectant, rub hands together and dry gloves with paper towel. Reset cage with clean towel (if needed), fresh food/water and clean litter box.

**\*\*You must change gloves or spray gloves with disinfectant between each cat/cage**

**\*\*If you suspect your gown has had direct contact with the cat, lightly spray the contact areas with disinfectant (ie. Sleeves, front of gown)**

### Procedure for Full Clean of cage:

**For cats leaving cages permanently/cats requiring a more thorough cleaning:**

Not only is detergent and water mix used but also a disinfectant, when a more thorough cleaning is needed (i.e. the cat has really dirtied it (eg. Spilled urine, water, feces)) or the cat is leaving the cage permanently.

1. Encourage cat into a carrier (remove and cover with towel - should not be placed on the floor)

2. Discard towels/blankets into laundry bag. Cat cabins stay with cats at all times (unless damaged and need to be thrown out and replaced).
3. Food and water dishes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place dirty dishes into “dirty” dishes tote.
4. Litter boxes are to be completely changed daily. Empty into garbage and place soiled boxes into “dirty” litter box tote.
5. Fully scrub out cage (including all 3 walls, floor, ceiling, inside and outside of cage door) using paper towel/cloths and detergent and water- no double dipping.
6. Towel dry any puddles, and spray all surfaces with disinfectant (holding spray bottle 6-12 inches from surface and leave for the **appropriate wet contact time**).
7. Let air dry or towel dry
8. Spray gloves with disinfectant, rub hands together and dry gloves with paper towel. Reset cage with clean towel, fresh food/water and clean litter box.