



sean casey animal rescue

Specializing in the Rescue,
Rehabilitation & Placement of Reptiles,
Amphibians, Exotic & Domestic Animals

HOW TO PROPERLY APPROACH ANIMALS

(Even if you think you know, read this anyway)

DOGS

Ask kennel staff to bring a dog out with a leash. You will be waiting either in the front of our E3rd Street location or the garage of our 39th Street location. Let the dog sniff you first. If the dog jumps on you, don't be afraid; we have many dogs who are very energetic after being in an enclosed space for a long while. Most of the dogs at SCAR are not aggressive unless you are violent towards them.

After you let the dog smell who you are, don't pet the dog over his/her head. If the dog is timid, give him/her time to come up to you. However, if after 10-15 minutes, the dog still won't approach you, give the leash back to a staff member and don't bother the dog anymore. It is important not to force the animal, even if we want to be nice and pet him/her. If the dog is positive to your presence or is unaffected, go ahead and pet him/her to gauge his/her personality. Wrap leash around hand securely (loop on wrist with leash wrapped around twice on palm) if outside or if other animals are around.

CATS

Go ahead (after telling staff what you're going to do) to one of the cat cages/condos and your hand on the cage bars or glass so that the cat can see you. If the cat approaches you, try opening the door carefully. Slowly extend out a hand inside the cat's place. If the cat is cautious stay still and don't make sudden movements with your hand. Allow the cat to sniff you. DO NOT immediately place your hand on the cat; this can startle cat and elicit hissing, clawing, or biting. If the cat accepts you after sniffing, go ahead and have fun petting or grooming. If the cat is timid, give him/her time to come up to you. However, if after 10-15 minutes, the cat still won't approach you, slowly close the door to his/her cage/condo and don't bother him/her anymore. It is important not to force the animal, even if we want to be nice and pet him/her. *Wash your hands before petting another cat. Some cats do not like the smell of other cats

OTHERS

If spending time with birds, rodents, rabbits, fish, or reptiles go straight to them. Do not take out/open the cages of reptiles, rodents, birds, or rabbits without permission of staff, and do not make sudden movements when approaching them. If you put your fingers through the cage of a bird, rodent, lizard, or even rabbit, he/she may bite. Ask the staff about their personalities before attempting to stick a finger in. Even if you may not be able to touch an animal, the animal can always use company--feel free to read or talk near the animal; this will get them more used to people and be less stressed.

HANDS MUST BE CLEANED / SANITIZED BEFORE & AFTER EVERY INTERACTION

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