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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We wish to reiterate that the designation for cats / kittens in retail should not be as a kennel. Kennel definition states four or more adult dogs. The confusion over how many cats may be available for adoption still needs to be stated clearly.

We understand that dog organizations and doggie daycare centers have encountered problems in their locations due to barking, etc. This in no way can compare with cats. Cats are kept indoors while waiting to be adopted, which eliminates the problem of pet waste on sidewalks or parking areas. There is no noise since cats do not bark. A well-run organization such as Valley Cats keeps the environment clean, is safe for both the animals and visitors, and is a pleasant place to visit and adopt from.

Valley Cats not only operated from PetSmart for 10 years, we also established our adoption center in the Westfield Promenade for three years without a single complaint related to noise, odors, or any other problems. There should be specific guidelines as

to how a cat adoption center should be established to comply with codes for health and safety. Valley Cats would be happy to help establish those guidelines.

Unlike dogs, cats can be left unsupervised overnight as they do not require a person to walk them or provide care. As a rule, dog groups situated in retail locations continue to home foster their dogs and bring them into their centers to show during specific hours. Cats can remain on premise because they are a low impact tenant.

In addition, keeping cats and kittens in a 24/7 situation in no way promotes disease, illness or a negative impact on the area. Again, a well-organized, properly established group follows strict laws regarding the health and welfare of each animal. There is an isolation area for incoming and/or ill animals to avoid such situations.



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