



# A guide to Cats Protection



# About Cats Protection

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Cats Protection (CP), formerly The Cats Protection League, is the UK's oldest and largest feline charity, actively helping and rehoming cats all the way from the Shetland Islands in the North to Falmouth in the South West.

Our work involves the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of needy cats and kittens. We provide shelter, food and veterinary attention to all felines in our care until we can find them a home. We maintain a strict non-euthanasia policy—cats are never euthanased, except on veterinary advice.

Since our humble beginnings in 1927, our organisation has experienced phenomenal growth, reflecting the fact that the cat is now the UK's favourite pet, with 7.7 million domestic cats. CP currently has a large voluntary Branch fostering network and 29 permanent Shelters. Ninety per cent of our work is carried out by a dedicated network of 5,000 volunteers who spend over six million hours each year on cat care.

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees drawn from the Council, itself elected by the membership.

A site has been acquired at Chelwood Gate, East Sussex, to create a National Cat Centre comprising a zoo-pen Shelter and Visitors' Centre.





# About our work




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Our main aims are:

## 1. *To rescue stray and unwanted cats and kittens, rehabilitate and rehome them where possible.*

-  Each year, we help over 170,000 cats and kittens.
-  Each day, we rehome 150 cats and kittens, which amounts to about 60,000 annually.

Over the past five years, this means:



-  Reuniting approximately 20,000 lost cats with their owners.
-  Rescuing and rehoming over 350,000 cats.
-  Helping to provide veterinary treatment for 265,000 injured cats.

## 2. *To encourage the neutering of all cats and kittens not required for breeding.*

Did you know that a female cat could be responsible for over 20,000 descendants in five years?

Cats Protection supports neutering as the only effective way of reducing the vast numbers of unwanted cats and kittens in the UK. For information about our neutering scheme, please phone our Helpline.



-  We maintain a £3 million annual neutering scheme for cats with owners on low incomes nationwide.
-  In 1998, we launched the country's first mobile neutering clinic. Purchased with lottery funding, the clinic is designed to help needy cat owners in the Preston area.




### 3. *To inform the public on the care of cats and kittens.*

#### **Helpline**

We provide advice to the public through our Helpline, which receives an average 450 calls daily. While our Helpline advisors cannot provide specific veterinary or legal advice, they do offer general information on a range of subjects from behaviour to quarantine. Helpline also assists callers wishing to adopt a pet from us, or who must give up their pets for various reasons. You can phone our Helpline or, to learn what Helpline's most frequently asked questions (and answers) are, visit our website.


#### **Education**

 We distribute colourful and informative curriculum-based school packs designed to educate children about animal welfare—particularly that of cats. Each year, these packs are used by around 4,000 primary, and 1,500 secondary, schools. If you are a teacher and would like to receive a pack (both are available in the Welsh language), please phone our Helpline.

#### **Cats Protection's Veterinary Newsletter**

 This highly-respected newsletter keeps veterinary professionals abreast of the latest in clinical feline news.

#### **Leaflets**

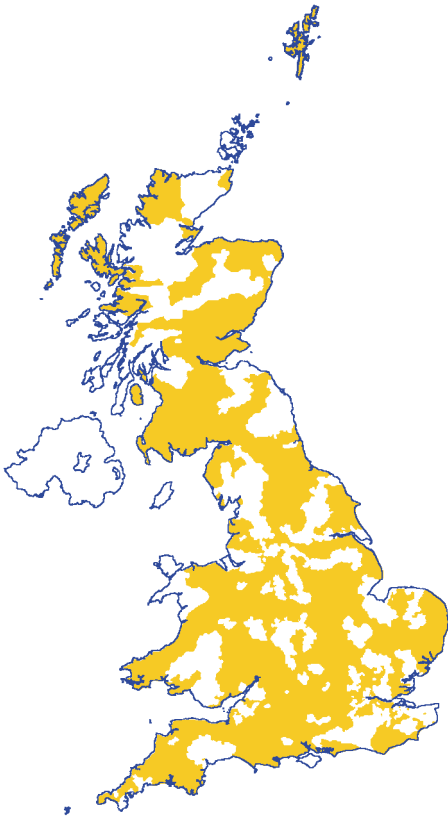
 We offer a comprehensive array of literature on every aspect of cat care. To receive your free copy of any one of our leaflets, please phone our Helpline or visit our website.



# About our Branches

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Our extensive volunteer network enables us to achieve our aims. Our 260 voluntary Branches operate tirelessly day and night on behalf of the nation's cats and kittens.



Voluntary Branch Coverage

If there isn't a Branch in your area, why not consider starting one up?

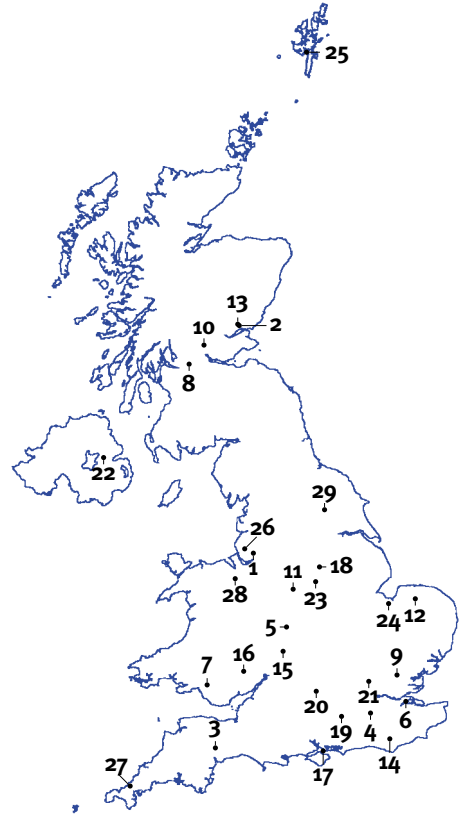
Each Branch is essentially self-sufficient, dependent on funds raised locally to care for the cats they rescue. By and large, rescued cats are cared for in individual 'foster homes'; around 90 per cent of the cats rescued by the charity are cared for in our voluntary foster homes.

If you would like to know if there is a Cats Protection Branch in your area, please phone our Helpline or visit our website.



# About our Shelters

We maintain 29 purpose-built Shelters throughout the UK. Some of these Shelters can accommodate over 300 cats. Shelters provide the same rescue and rehoming service as our voluntary Branches, except that their facilities are centralised in a Shelter complex, rather than in a network of foster homes.



To find out which Shelter is nearest you, please phone our Helpline on 08702 099 099 or visit our website on [www.cats.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk)

## Cats Protection Shelters:

1. Amy Ellison
2. Arbroath
3. Axhayes
4. Barnjet
5. Birmingham
6. Bredhurst
7. Bryncethin
8. Cardyke Farm
9. Chelmsford & District
10. Clackmannanshire & Stirling
11. Derby
12. Dereham & District
13. Dundee & District
14. Eastbourne & District
15. Evesham & North Cotswolds
16. Hereford
17. Isle of Wight
18. Mansfield & District
19. Nerea De Clifford
20. Newbury & District
21. North London
22. Northern Ireland
23. Nottingham & District
24. Riverside
25. Shetland
26. St Helens & Warrington
27. Truro & District
28. Wrexham & District
29. York



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# How you can help

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## Become a supporter

You can help by supporting Cats Protection through either a one-off donation or by committing to a monthly amount by direct debit.

## Become a member

For only £5 for under-16s (Cool Cats Club) and £12 for adults, you receive a colourful magazine every two months packed with news, information and photos of all things feline.



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## Sponsor a cat cabin

When cats are taken in by our rescue centres they are looked after in specially-designed 'cat cabins' until they can be rehomed. You can sponsor a cat cabin from as little as £4 a month; in return, you'll receive a special certificate, regular newsletters and the chance to join in activities at our Shelters.

**To become a supporter, to make a donation, or to sponsor a cat cabin, please phone our Freephone number 0800 917 2287.**

## Become a volunteer

All our Shelters welcome additional help. In particular, our volunteer Branches rely totally on generous supporters giving their time. Volunteering opportunities are wide and varied, from practical help with the cats to fund-raising, car-driving or administrative work.

**To give a home to one of our rescued cats, or to volunteer to help us, please phone our Helpline.**

## Adopt a cat

We have 6,000 cats in care at any one time in our rescue centres across the UK. All cats are ready and waiting for just the right owner to come along—all are neutered, and many are microchipped and vaccinated. We also pamper and love them until you can take over.



## Please send me more information about:

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- Becoming a supporter of Cats Protection
- Becoming a member of Cats Protection
- Gift Aid
- Sponsoring a cat cabin
- Becoming a volunteer
- Adopting a cat

### Your details:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

Name

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Address

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Postcode

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Telephone

E-mail

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### Please contact us.

- For general enquiries, neutering vouchers and advice, please phone our friendly Helpline team on: 08702 099 099
- To make a donation, please phone our Freephone number on: 0800 917 2287
- You can e-mail us at: [cpl@cats.org.uk](mailto:cpl@cats.org.uk)
- You can also visit our website at: [www.cats.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk)

Return this form to: Cats Protection, 17 Kings Road, Horsham, RH13 5PN

# Cats Protection leaflets and care guides

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- 001 Catalogue
- 505 Do You Have Asthma?
- 515 Cat Care
- 525 Cats & Babies
- 530 Cats & Gardens
- 535 Cats & The Law
- 540 Farm Cats
- 550 Feeding Felines
- 555 First Aid
- 565 In Praise of Older Cats
- 570 Junior Cat Care
- 580 Living in Harmony
- 581 Cats Add Life
- 585 Moving House With Your Cat
- 590 Have Your Cat Neutered
- 600 Cat Parasites
- 610 Spraying
- 611 Time To Let Go
- 617 What Makes a Cat-Friendly Home?
- 620 Securing Your Cat's Future
- 625 A Will to Help Cats
- 630 Your New Cat or Kitten
- 640 Cat 'Flu (FCV, FHV, FVR)
- 650 Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)
- 655 Feline Infectious Peritonitis & Feline Coronavirus (FIP & FCoV)
- 660 Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)
- 665 Feline Parvovirus (FPV) (FIE)
- 675 Ringworm in Cats
- 680 Toxoplasmosis
- 697 5-Minute Guide: Fleas
- 698 5-Minute Guide: Toxoplasmosis
- 699 5-Minute Guide: Feeding Felines
- 700 5-Minute Guide: Spraying
- 701 5-Minute Guide: Neutering
- 702 5-Minute Guide: Microchipping
- 703 5-Minute Guide: Dental Care
- 704 Step Forward (Volunteer Information)
- 706 5-Minute Guide: Vaccination
- 707 5-Minute Guide: Moving House
- 731 Cool Cats Membership Form
- 735 Membership Form
- 745 Cats Need Grass
- 851 Pet Plan Insurance
- 856 The Cat's Whiskers Credit Card Form
- 861 Giving A Donation

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- You can also visit our website at: [www.cats.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk)