



FACT SHEET - CATS

Cats make lovely pets. They are sociable yet independent. Most cats spend part of their day just dozing and like to find a nice, warm quiet place. They also like to be outdoors a lot of the time. Long haired cats will require regular grooming otherwise their coat will become matted causing sores underneath. You will need to train your cat to use a litter tray so it doesn't make a mess indoors. It is important to have your cat micro chipped so that it can be returned to you should it stray, and probably the most important is to have your cat neutered to avoid unwanted litters and to avoid your male cat straying and fighting.



Cats Need

- Handling from a young age
- Free access to fresh water
- Good quality cat food either tinned or dried
- Routine flea control
- Regular worming programme
- Annual vaccination
- Regular brushing, especially

Cat Health

- Fleas are a continual problem on cats so a regular flea control is necessary
- Worms should be treated with a regular worming programme recommended by your vet
- Feline leukaemia - vaccination is recommended
- Cat flu is highly contagious to other cats. Symptoms include runny eyes and nose. If flu is suspected, seek veterinary advice immediately
- Abscesses can occur after a bite from another cat and should be seen by your vet

Cat Facts

- Average lifespan is around 15 years but can be more
- Many ginger cats are male and virtually all tortoise cats are female

This is intended as a quick guide only. Further information should be obtained before embarking on keeping this type of pet.