

Worcester & District Branch



Adoption Guide



The Adoption Process

Worcester & District Cats Protection does not have a shelter; our cats are cared for by fosterers based throughout Worcestershire.

Interested in adopting one of our cats or kittens? The first step is to have a chat with our adoption coordinator who will ask you a series of questions. This is primarily to help find a cat or kitten that will best fit into your family, your environment and your lifestyle. It is an opportunity for you to raise any queries about adopting, and ask any questions you may have about owning a cat or kitten and its care.

Please note we do not home cats or kittens as gifts, application must be by the prospective owner.

Home visits to discuss adoption can be done if you so wish but are no longer done routinely.

The adoption co-ordinator will be able to suggest cats or kittens which may be suitable for you or give you more information about specific cats. You will then be given the fosterers contact details so that you can arrange to visit.

Should the cat you go to see be unsuitable, and you would like to see other cats, please contact the adoption co-ordinator who will be pleased to help.

When you have decided which cat or kitten you wish to adopt, you can arrange with the fosterer when you would like to take the cat home. We will only reserve a cat for a maximum of seven days (except in the case of kittens under 9 weeks old which can be reserved ready to go as soon as they are old enough). We always have a waiting list of cats to come into care, so cannot keep cats any longer than

necessary. If you have holidays or other engagements that may delay adopting, please consider applying a bit later.

When you collect your cat the fosterer will complete all the paperwork with you. Microchips are registered for you by the branch but it may take several weeks for you to receive your registration from Anibase.

If for any reason the adoption does not work out, we will take the cat back. However, we are always full, with a lengthy waiting list of cats needing to come into our care, so although this would be treated as a priority we may not be able to respond immediately.

Adoption Fee

In line with other animal charities, we now have an adoption fee. Currently this is £65 for both cats & kittens and we accept cash or cheques. This fee includes full vaccinations including Leukaemia, microchipping, neutering and four weeks Petplan insurance. If the cat or kitten is homed before the second vaccination is due we will give you a voucher to take back to the vet who saw them for the first one. Any cat old enough (over 4 months) will have been neutered. This means that if you adopt a young kitten (under 4 months) your voucher will also cover the cost of neutering at the same vet. All cats and kittens or their mothers in our care are tested for feline aids & leukaemia, and routinely treated for fleas and worms.

The adoption fee does not cover the costs incurred by Cats Protection to ensure our cats all reach recognised minimum veterinary standards, so any donation over and above the adoption fee would be greatly appreciated.

Things to Consider

Before you decide to adopt please consider the cost of owning a cat. There is not only the cost of food, but treatment by a vet can be very costly. You need to have your cat vaccinated annually, and regularly treated for parasites (worms and fleas).

Do consider insuring your pet, a broken leg could cost anything up to £1000 or more to treat. And then there are holidays - do you have someone who will look after the cat? If not, can you afford a cattery?

Can you give enough time to your cat? Are you away from home most of the day? Please remember a tiny kitten will need feeding at least 4 times a day. If left on its own a kitten can get very bored and, like all youngsters, can quickly get into mischief. To avoid this you might consider 2 kittens, or a pair of cats to keep each other company.

If you live in a rented property, please check your tenancy agreement to make sure you are allowed to have cats or get written permission from your landlord before deciding to adopt.

Still Interested?

If you would like more information, or would like to discuss adoption further, please contact our adoption co-ordinator via our main phone number or email.

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